

TOWN OF READING

The Annual REPORT

OF RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURES

For the Financial Year
Ending December 31st

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1905



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TOWN OFFICERS, 1905-1906

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*

HENRY R. JOHNSON

Assessors

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1908

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Secretary* . . . " " 1907

MILLARD F. CHARLES . . . " " 1906

Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer

EDWARD F. PARKER

Collector of Taxes

HERBERT M. VIALI

Auditors

JOHN F. TURNER . . . ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON

J. HENRY WILSON

Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1906

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary* . . . " " 1908

GEORGE L. FLINT . . . " " 1907

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1908
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1906
ELIZABETH H. BROWN	.	.	" " 1906
HORACE G. WADLIN	.	.	" " 1908
MARY L. NESMITH	.	.	" " 1907
HENRY C. PARKER	.	.	" " 1907
MELVILLE A. STONE, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>			

Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1907
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1906
E. HARLEY GOWING	.	.	" " 1908

Municipal Light Board

WM. S. KINSLEY, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1906
WALTER F. COOK, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1907
FRANK W. WILLIS	.	.	" " 1908

Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1907
CYRUS M. BARROWS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" " 1908
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD	.	.	" " 1908
HARLEY PRENTISS (deceased)	.	.	" " 1906
HENRY G. KITTREDGE	.	.	" " 1906
J. WOODWARD MANNING	.	.	" " 1907

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1908
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	.	.	" " 1908

ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Supt. and Sec'y</i>	Term expires 1906
HENRY T. LEAVIS	" " 1906
ALDEN BATCHELDER	" " 1907
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" " 1907

Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk*

OWEN MCKENNEY

WALTER S. PRENTISS

GEORGE H. CLOUGH

Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Clerk*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

Forest Firewards

ALBION G. NICHOLS

WILLARD A. BANCROFT

JOHN N. WESTON

C. W. C. TRASK

HERBERT E. MCINTIRE

Constables

FREDERIC D. MERRILL

J. HENRY ORR

Police

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of Lock-up*

J. HENRY ORR

WM. H. MANNING

Specials

SAMUEL BROWN	EUGENE L. LOVEJOY
JEREMIAH CULLINANE	JASON ZWICKER
ASA PARKER	ROBERT POWERS
ARTHUR E. DAVIS	REUBEN J. LEFAVE
J. MANDE DOUCETTE	CLEMENT GLEASON
FRANK A. BUTTERS	HERBERT G. STOCK
JOHN W. SAUNDERS	WILLIAM J. ALLEN
WALTER P. GLEASON	FRED A. ROBINSON

Truant Officer

AZRO A. SMITH

Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Keeper of Town Home

WILLIAM C. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and
Provisions

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Tree Warden
A. H. KIRKLAND

Finance Committee

M. F. CHARLES, <i>Secretary</i>	Term expires Dec. 31, 1907
G. A. PARKER	" " " " "
M. A. STONE	" " " " "
E. L. LOVEJOY	" " " " "
OLON BANCROFT	" " " " "
JACOB MITCHELL, <i>Chairman</i>	" " Dec. 31, 1905
ALDEN BATCHELDER	" " " " "
F. E. CRAFTS	" " " " "
ADELBERT E. BATCHELDER	" " " " "
F. M. SMITH	" " " " "
J. WESLEY DAVIES	" " Dec. 31, 1906
JOHN CONNELLY	" " " " "
A. NEWELL HOWES	" " " " "
JOS. S. TEMPLE	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT	" " " " "

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT	CHARLES WAKEFIELD
CALVIN L. MARTIN	WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE	

Surveyors of Lumber

JAMES A. BANCROFT	SAMUEL BROWN
WENDELL BANCROFT	JOSEPH W. KILLAM
ORA L. MILBURY	BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE	EDWARD B. EAMES
WM. R. ZWICKER	GEO. L. FLINT

Weighers of Coal and Hay

CHAS. W. LEE	CALVIN L. MARTIN
FRED M. PLATTS	FREEMAN KELSO
W. IRVING BANCROFT	LUKE McKENNEY
M. J. DALEY	WM. H. WHITE
WENDELL BANCROFT	WM. BUCHANAN
ALFRED F. ELLS	WEBSTER EAMES
GEORGE ELLIS	WELLINGTON L. DEAL

Field Drivers

ASA PARKER	WILLARD A. BANCROFT
HERBERT G. STOCK	

REPORT OF
TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1905.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 9.	Winifred Henderson	F	Charles I. and Arietta (Goldart) Henderson	Shoemaker
" 11.	Ruth Robinson	F	John H. and Isabella (Brown) Robinson	Editor
" 15.	Paul Edward Meuse	M	William H. and Lizzie (Doncette) Meuse	Carpenter
" 21.	Edna Louise Tucker	F	Albert F. and Ella M. (Webster) Tucker	Bookkeeper
" 26.	Florence May Sullivan	F	Charles and Julia (Keddy) Sullivan	Shoe Cutter
Feb. 2.	Alice Mildred Roxbee	F	Charles H. and Lydia A. (Jackson) Roxbee	Tinsmith
" 3.	William Arthur Doncette	M	Wm. E. and Mary (Kahine) Doncette	Drier
" 8.	Phillips Russell Hall	M	Henry L. and Lou B. (Phillips) Hall	Clerk
" 11.	Harold Foster Richardson	M	Wm. H. and Mary (H. Carter) Richardson	Machineist
" 13.	Marion Louise Whall	F	Richard A. and Grace B. (Cazier) Whall	Rubber Worker
" 18.	May Lillian Saunders	F	John W. and Lillian (Passingham) Saunders	Carpenter
" 18.	Harrison Spencer Ellis	M	Alfred F. and Catherine (McKillop) Ellis	Teamster
" 22.	John Graham	M	Wm. J. and Minerva A. (Harrow) Graham	Furniture Finisher
" 23.	Jenneth Hubbard Doncette	M	James and Mary (Hubbard) Doncette	Shoemaker
" 28.	Leon Carter Fease	M	Charles L. and Edna L. (Baker) Fease	Clerk
Mar. 2.	Elveton Putnam Merrill	M	Frederic E. and Inez E. (Putnam) Merrill	Bookkeeper
" 3.	Norman Hayden Merrill	M	Frank D. and Georgia F. (Morse) Merrill	Rubber Worker
" 8.	Thelma Louise Parker	F	James S. and Clara L. (Morrison) Parker	Expressman
" 8.	Russell Buchanan Richardson	M	Chas. W. and Agnes H. (McIntire) Richardson	Clerk
" 9.	Mary Ann Spillane	F	Timothy and Mary Ann (Murray) Spillane	Car Cleaner
" 10.	William Forsyth Cowles	M	Sidney M. and Mabel A. (Norris) Cowles	Shipping Clerk
" 14.	Richard Calvin McIntire	M		
" 17.	Richard Edward Minnis	M		
" 17.	Catherine Wardwell	F		
" 18.		F		
" 21.	Stanley Bancroft Nichols	M	George H. and Elsie J. (Morse) Minnis	Engineer
" 21.	Ethel Frances Cowles	F	Luville H. and Mildred L. (Jewell) Wardwell	Clerk
" 30.	George Francis Dewey	M	William and Rose Manthorn Glynn	Elec. R. R. Employee
" 31.	Helen Catherine Doncette	F	Walter B. and Grace C. (Stanniford) Nichols	Civil Engineer
Apr. 4.	Helen Hutchinson	F	Henry W. C. and Minnie A. (Halse) Cowles	Conductor
" 10.	Raymond White	M	Francis O. and Katherine (Sheffington) Dewey	Packer
" 16.	Esther Marion Greene	F	John M. and Emeline (Frotton) Doncette	Farmer
" 17.	Mildred Bowers	F	George M. and Bessie (Briggs) Hutchinson	Necktie Cutter
" 21.	Auna Mabel Bishop	F	Peter and Adele (Surette) White	Laborer
" 25.	Walter Franklin Emmons, Jr.	M	Timothy G. and Della (Higgins) Greene	Conductor
May 2.	Theodore Bieton Campbell	M	William W. and Grace (Hadley) Bowers	Clergyman
" 4.	Edith May Putnam	F	Robert J. and Jane V. (Hartley) Bishop	Commercial Traveller
" 7.	Charlotte Nowell	F	Walter F. and Ruby R. (Cook) Emmons	Conductor
" 8.	Katherine Turner	F	Donald and Annie E. (Burke) Emmons	Fisherman
" 12.	May Florence Babine	F	George D. and Edith B. (Cleaseon) Putnam	Water Work Employee
" 13.	Josephine Franklyn Eaton	F	Ernest P. and Bridge H. (Stack) Nowell	Clerk
" 18.	William Walter Borthwick	M	Thomas and Mary (Thornon) Turner	Railroad Employee
			Amrose and Aches (Meuse) Babine	Painter
			Wilfred P. and Ruth E. (Stone) Eaton	Organ Pipe Maker
			Wm. R. and Etta (Skidmore) Borthwick	Driver

May 19.	Norma Doris Conti	F	Frank and Eleanor (Fiorani) Conti	Fireman
" 19	Willfred Corey Hay	M	Wilfred G. and Emma M. (Corey) Hay	Market Gardener
" 21.	Susan Lovelace Dugan	F	Robert J. and Annie (Casey) Dugan	Reubber Worker
" 24.	Dorothy Viola Brown	F	Valance B. and Nettie M. (McFarland) Brown	Real Estate
" 30.	Daniel Rodden	M	Wm. T. and Mary J. (Wright) Rodden	Clerk
June 4.	Frank Donald Pratt	M	Winthrop E. and Harriet M. (Hyde) Pratt	Grocery Clerk
" 7.	Winfred Stewart Alward	F	Ernest C. and A. Maude (Stewart) Alward	Contractor
" 13.	Katherine Asunta Michelini	F	John and Julia A. (Callahan) Michelini	Jeweler
" 16.	Horton Kemp Murphy	M	James A. and Polly (Kemp) Murphy	Woodworker
" 18.	Arthur Augustus Goodwin	M	David A. and Mary C. (Hunter) Goodwin	Printer
" 22.	Virginia Frances Poore	F	Luville J. and Annie L. (Phillips) Poore	Printer
" 23.	James Edward Cutcliffe	M	James E. and Josephine B. (Olson) Cutcliffe	Shoemaker
" 25.	Gordon Damian Dulong	M	Robert F. and Emma J. (Meuse) Dulong	Foreman
" 29.	Frederick Lee Call	M	Frederick W. and Mary E. (Michael) Call	Fisherman
" 30.	Francis Ameal Watts	M	Frank A. and Augusta (Wadett) Watts	Carpenter
July 6.	Annie Mildred Froton	F	Frederick and Mary (Doncette) Froton	Tailor
" 6.	Viola Young	F	Frank W. and Lillian F. (Fames) Young	Leather Sorter
" 10.	Foster McKay Hill	M	Louis G. and Hattie E. (Pakes) Hill	Tannery Worker
" 12.	Lawrence Leslie White	M	James and Maggie (Jacquard) White	Farmer
" 12.	Raymond L. Clodhuan	M	Everett C. and Carrie E. (Wells) Clodhuan	Baggage Master
" 17.	Nelson Franklin Long	M	Victor S. and Susie (Hodskins) Long	Horticultural Expert
" 18.	Althea Viola Manning	F	J. Woodward and Florence F. (Nason) Manning	Travelling Salesman
" 23.	Alverta Hall Damon	F	Charles A. and Inez C. (Hall) Damon	Farmer
" 27.	Edwarda Glen Ken Langhill	M	James H. and Frances E. (Rederiff) Langhill	Stationery Engineer
" 29.	Martha Helen Sanborn	F	Kirke P. and Jennie (Cole) Sanborn	Pattern Maker
" 29.	Evelyn Wellman	F	Albert L. and Jennina L. (McWade) Wellman	R. R. Official
" 4.	John Stevens Graham	M	Joseph L. and Margaret G. (Novell) Graham	Laborer
Aug. 4.	Eva May Clements	F	Frank and Annie (Doncette) Clements	Shoemaker
" 7.	Clifford Ellsworth Litchfield	F	Edward J. and Annie (White) White	Clerk
" 11.	Gladys Edith Froton	F	Enil C. and Ettie B. (Chislet) Litchfield	Electric Car Inspector
" 13.	Joseph Daniel Arbetter	M	Reuben A. and Mary M. (Doncette) Froton	Shoemaker
" 27.	Annie Esther Leach	F	Moses and Dora (Coer) Arbetter	Track Oiler
" 29.	Kenneth Sellers Field	M	George B. and Esther (Mills) Leach	Shipper
" 31.	Charles Lucian Nelson	M	Merle P. and Mabel (Sellers) Field	Farmer
Sep 14.	Frederick William Allen	M	Cyrus W. and Emma S. (Hutchinson) Nelson	Clerk
" 19.	Edward Patrick Donegan	M	Frederick W. and Charlotte E. (Hewes) Allen	Laborer
" 20.	Robert William Crosby	M	Henry M. and Alice (McCall) Donegan	Fireman
" 22.	Raymond Edward O'Brien	M	Saunel A. and Gladys A. (Pierce) Crosby	Shipper
" 24.	Lawrence Drake Harvey	M	John J. and Mary E. (Shaw) O'Brien	Salesman
" 29.	Frank Pippin, Jr.	M	Fred P. and Bertha F. (Drake) Harvey	Night Watchman
Oct. 5.	John Batchelder Poore	M	Frank R. and Mattie (Williams) Pippin	Clerk
" 9.	Bernice Marion Whall	F	Albert R. and Grace E. (Skillen) Poore	Steam Fitter
" 9.	Lillian May Doucette	F	Thomas J. and Catherine E. (McFadden) Poore	Shoemaker
" 16.	Ralph Edward Doucette	M	John J. and Mary L. (Magrass) Doucette	Carpenter
" 16.	Harry Francis Jones	M	Simon and Annie (Cary) Doucette	Millhand
" 23.	Herbert Young Mudgett	M	Elmer D. and Helen A. (Lefevre) Jones	Fireman, R. R.
" 25.			John H. and Mary E. (Jackson) Mudgett	

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DATES.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.	OCCUP'N OF PARENTS.
Oct. 25.	Harold Fesenden Mudgett	M	John H. and Mary E. (Jackson) Mudgett	Fireman, R. R.
" 25.	Marion Elizabeth Hatch	F	Horace J. and Sarah (White) Hatch	Painter
Nov. 8.	Grace Elizabeth Day	F	Wm. R. and Elzora (Goodwin) Day	Rubber Worker
" 14.	Loise Breton Richardson	F	Harry M. and Florence A. (Cann) Richardson	Receiving Clerk
" 15.	Arthur Edward Turner	M	Adolph N. and Sadie (Melonsen) Turner	Electrician
" 25.	Henry Alfred Trask	M	Henry A. and Alice (Geldart) Trask	Teamster
" 25.	Stephen Edward Meuse	M	Edward F. and Florence (Meuse) Meuse	Clerk
" 28.	Earl Osgood Marshall	M	Henry P. and Mary I. (Dorves) Marshall	Clerk
" 28.	Richard Caldwell Jewett	M	Arthur H. and Lydia M. (Hardy) Jewett	Necktie Manufacturer
Dec. 9.	Louisa Catherine Zanni	F	Angelo and Catherine (Zanni) Zanni	Laborer
" 10.	Gladys Marion Burlingame	F	Clarence D. and Marion L. (Bunker) Burlingame	Painter
" 11.	Agnes Sophia Tavernier	F	John A. and Mary L. (Campbell) Tavernier	Lineman
" 12.	Joseph Edward DeKenne	M	George H. and Annie (Loughton) DeKenne	Electric Cars
" 14.	Carl Thomas Wilson	M	Henry J. and Esther G. (Dugan) Wilson	Rubber Worker
" 16.	Katherine Lillian Frost	F	John E. and Sadie A. (Parker) Frost	Brickman
" 17.	Louise Cecilia Meuse	F	Norman and Agnes (Doucette) Meuse	Laborer
" 19.	Gertrude Muriel Winslow	M	Willis C. and Edith C. (Bell) Winslow	Violinist
" 22.	Carlton Bell McIntire	F	Melvin S. and Elizabeth (Bell) McIntire	Boxmaker
" 28.		M		
ADDITIONS—PREVIOUS YEARS.				
1889				
Oct. 7.	Rue Bertie Evans	M	Thomas and Mary (Evans) Evans	Tinsmith
1901				
Apr. 27.	Joseph Leo Galvin	M	James and Lizzie (Fitzgerald) Galvin	Rubber Worker
1904				
Jan. 23.	Cedric Ustie Beecher	M	Raymond W. and Lena (Mayers) Beecher	Stenographer
May 13.	Horace Warren Williams	M	Henry W. and Mary (Warren) Williams	Iron Worker
Sept 10.	Norman Lamson Reed	M	Charles A. and Lena Marie (Hutts) Reid	Fireman, R. R.
Oct. 27.	Enoch Perkins	M	Francis T. and Annie F. (Bateman) Perkins	Cigar Dealer

Births: total 115; Males, 65; Females 50. Nativity of parents: Fathers born in United States, 78; Mothers foreign born, 37.

Mothers born in United States, 68; Mothers foreign born, 45.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1905.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 1	John Henry Eaton	32	Carpenter	Reading, Mass.	Moses P. and Lydia C. (Done) Eaton	Henry D. Steven, Unitarian Minister, Reading, Mass.
" 1	Ida Pfeiffer Dean	44	Housework	Dean, N. S.	David F. and Amelia (Geddes) Dean	Lester Bradner, Jr.
" 3	Henry Harlow Caswell	21	Advertising Manager	Gastonbury, Ct.	Horace P. and Alice (Wells) Caswell	P. E. Denomination
" 10	Maria Estelle Miller	28	At Home	Hingham, Mass.	Walter L. and Annette L. (Reid) Miller	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 11	Alfred Richard Lowrie	28	Lawyer	Adrian, Mich.	Adam H. and Mattie B. (Pease) Lowrie	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 15	Arlenne Josephine Thomas	26	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles D. and Josephine E. (Temple) Thomas	Charles Scott, Clergyman
" 16	JAMES STEVENS MCGILL	48	Iron Moulder	Reading, Mass.	James and Ann (Green) McGill	H. S. Sholer, Rabbi
" 17	Amie (White) Ellis	57	Housework	At Vernon, N. Y.	Henry and Kate (Muse) White	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 20	James Sheldon Doty	67	Retired Teacher	East Smithfield, Pa.	John and Hannah (Swan) Doty	Charles Scott, Clergyman
" 21	Emma Effie Scott	40	School Teacher	North Troy, Vt.	Charles and Hannah (Swan) Doty	H. S. Sholer, Rabbi
" 23	Rebecca Brodie	33	Salesman	Russia	Nisen Gordon and Fannie (Grant) Scott	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 23	John Jeremiah Doucette	23	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Louis A. and Fannie (Burnside) Brodie	W. C. Myers, Minister
Feb. 14	Marian Eunice Froton	18	Rubber Worker	Wilmington, Mass.	Casimir and Annie J. (Froton) Doucette	W. C. Myers, Minister
" 16	Windsor Herbert Howe	38	Trainman	Nation Isle, N. S.	Frederick A. and Ellen A. (Matthews) Howe	Alfred Woods, Clergyman
" 23	Jane Fuller Vinal	34	Bookkeeper	Roxford, Mass.	Edward A. and Julia F. (Hatch) Pierce	Henry G. Gay, Baptist Minister of Gospel, Reading, Mass.
Mar. 26	George Edward Pierce	43	Undertaker	Andover, Mass.	George W. and Lydia (Pratt) Batchelder	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 26	Freddie J. Batchelder	34	At Home	Woburn, Mass.	Jabez S. and Marietta (Smart) Hayes	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 27	Frances J. Brigham	37	Shoe Cutter	Reading, Mass.	George W. and Lydia (Pratt) Batchelder	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
April 6	Wilfred E. Eaton	37	At Home	East Randolph	Frank P. and Anna Milbery	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 19	Wuth E. Stone	21	Organ Pipe Worker	Shelburne Falls	George and Josephine (Ellsworth) Stone	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 23	Millard F. Charles	19	At Home	Peabody, Mass.	Warren and Abbie (Page) Charles	Arthur W. Moulton, Clergyman
" 23	Thomas J. Matthews	32	Jeweler	Westwood, N. J.	William and Susan E. (Chase) Kiddier	W. C. Myers, Minister
" 23	William Ewart O'Brine	22	Housekeeper	Lovell, Maine	Thomas and Mary (Ferguson) Matthews	Alfred Woods, Clergyman
" 23	Della Bertha Daley	22	Shoemaker	Charlestown, Mass.	Pharez and Kate (Giddard) O'Brine	Dennis F. Lee, Priest
" 26	Helen A. Bond	26	Shoe Stitcher	Grandance, N. S.	John and Bridget (Farrington) Daley	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 26	Leonard S. McClintock	22	Conductor	Yarmouth, N. S.	James S. and Lucy B. (Abbott) Bond	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
" 26	George F. Morrill	22	Housework	New Brunswick	Rodney H. and Julia (Emerson) Gleason	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
May 4	Marie (Underwood) Hindreth	31	Painter	Ireland	Henry and Olive (Pond) Morrill	Arthur W. Moulton, Clergyman
" 10	Lizzie J. (West) Thompson	66	At Home	Newbury, Maine	William A. and Annie C. (Blanchard) Underwood	W. C. Myers, Minister
" 17	George W. Maxwell	54	Gardener	Reading, Mass.	Robert G. and Alice S. (Hibson) Dugan	Dennis Lee, Priest
" 24	Sarah E. Crowell	26	Shipper	Reading, Mass.	Edward and Sopioruna P. (Parnham) West	Dennis Lee, Priest
" 24	Thomas E. Whall, Jr.	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	George W. and Annie E. (Shea) Whall	Dennis Lee, Priest
" 24	Catherine E. McFadden	21	Steam Fitter	Manchester, Mass.	James and Mary (Cunningham) McFadden	Dennis Lee, Priest
" 24	Fred Froton	21	Laborer	Boston, Mass.	Luke and Sarah (Muse) Froton	Dennis Lee, Priest
" 24	Mary Doucette	20	Shoe Worker	Quana, N. S.	Jeremiah and Julia (Muse) Doucette	Dennis Lee, Priest

May 26	Harry Brooks Nichols	27	Bookkeeper	Reading, Mass.	Herbert E. and Clara (Swain) Brooks	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 31	Audie Florence Rich	27	At Home	Reading, Mass.	William A. and Audie M. (Rich) Rich	Reading, Mass.
" "	Joseph O'Neil	23	Conductor	Ireland	William A. and Jane (McCormick) O'Neil	Eben Hutchinson, Jr., Justice of the Peace, Chelsea, Mass.
June 4	Sarah Campbell	19	At Home	New Brunswick	James and Mary (McKendrick) Campbell	John A. Sheridan, Priest
" "	John Brown	60	Carriage Builder	Quincy, Mass.	John and Sarah (Crothers) Brown	Boston, Mass.
" 4	Elen E. Spillane	51	At Home	Ireland	Daniel and Mary (Driscoll) Spillane	David Mayer Rabinovitz, Rabbi
" "	Jacob Kiseiman	24	Junk Dealer	Russia	Maurice and Ida (Lock) Kiseiman	Boston, Mass.
" 7	Rosa Levek	22	At Home	Russia	I-rael and Resial (Kopenetske) Levek	Boston, Mass.
" "	Clarence Hawes Lewis	32	Mortgage Broker	Reading, Mass.	John B. and Mary W. (Hawes) Lewis	A. A. Smith, Clergyman
" 14	Audine Elizabeth Parker	27	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Elmore and Mary E. (Armstrong) Parker	Reading, Mass.
" "	Edwin W. Fallow	27	Instructor	Milwaukee, Wis.	Lewis F. and Anna (Becher) Fallow	Francis L. Robbins, Clergyman
" 18	Gertrude Curtis Brown	24	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles F. and Elizabeth (Harrison) Brown	Greenfield, Mass.
" "	Horace E. Bellows	26	Jeweler	Southboro, Mass.	Fred E. and Leona B. (Buck) Bellows	Fred C. W. Parker, Minister
" 18	Bessie Task	28	At Home	Yarmouth, N. S.	Jacob F. and Sarah (Ellenwood) Task	Boston, Mass.
" "	Robert Maguire	27	Sailor	St. Johns, N. B.	Samuel and Jane (Fyner) Maguire	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 20	Elizabeth Cunningham	23	Neckwear Maker	Boston, Mass.	William and Frances (McKnight) Cunningham	Reading, Mass.
" "	Rowland S. H. Dyer	28	Lawyer	Andover, Mass.	Austin H. and Fannie T. (Hammond) Dyer	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 21	Mabel Hammond Burr	28	Claim Investigator	Reading, Mass.	Frederick H. and Alice E. (Gibson) Hammond	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
" "	Kirk A. Parker	23	At Home	Salem, N. H.	Charles E. and Alice (Evans) Hill	Reading, Mass.
" 27	Ida L. Hill	21	Shoe Cutter	Reading, Mass.	Peter and Jennie (LeBlanc) Froton	H. M. Thier, Clergyman
" "	Rose Mondor	19	At Home	Lawrence, Mass.	Joseph and Julia (Lounce) Mondor	Lawrence, Mass.
" 27	Edwin Herbert Warren	24	Clerk	Woburn, Mass.	Herbert Allen and Elizabeth (Timson) Warren	W. C. Myers, Minister
" "	Helen Ware Welch	20	At Home	Malden, Mass.	Charles P. and Elizabeth R. (Fuller) Welch	William J. Millerick, Priest
" 28	James Thomas Fox	28	Merchant	Stoneham, Mass.	James and Bridget (Hofer) Fox	Reading, Mass.
" "	Edna Belle Fames	23	At Home	Melrose, Mass.	Leonard T. and Emily (Hubert) Fames	W. C. Myers, Minister
" 28	Chester Ellsworth Kingman	27	Bookkeeper	Reading, Mass.	Charles H. and Mary (Hubert) Kingman	Stoneham, Mass.
July 12	Mary Anna Welch	22	At Home	W. Bay, C. Briton, N. S.	V. W. and Elizabeth (Sloan) Welch	Reading, Mass.
" 15	Maud Blanche Jackson	25	Clerk	High Gate, Vt.	Melites Henry and Phoebe J. (Draper) Jackson	Reading, Mass.
" "	Leslie Eugene Day	28	Clerk	Sonerville, Mass.	Arthur C. and Hannah Wilson (Cain) Day	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 19	Edna Louise Derrick	30	At Home	Cambridge, Mass.	John W. and Florence Ella (Rich) Derrick	Reading, Mass.
" "	Clarence Gray Howes	25	Teacher	Charlestown, Mass.	Andrew Newell and Lillian Frances (Gray) Howes	Glenn Tilley Morse, Priest
" 20	Emily Franklin Freeman	21	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Franklin W. and Helen Augusta (Boit) Freeman	F. E. West Somerville
" "	Helen M. Barrows	41	Farmer	Eastham, Mass.	Isiah H. and Rachael D. (Witherell) Horton	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
Aug. 5	George B. Leach	31	Housekeeper	E. Bridgewater, Mass.	Oliver and Ellen (Casey) Barrows	Reading, Mass.
" 8	Eather Mills	40	St. R. R. Employee	Auburn, N. H.	William and Sarah (Ray) Leach	Thatcher R. Kimball, Priest
" "	Jennie Styles	27	Housekeeper	Newroundland	George and Mary (Warren) Mills	Boston, Mass.
" 9	Edward F. Meuse	22	Cook	Elgin, N. B.	James and Ellen (McNair) Magee	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
" 12	Florence M. Meuse	22	Dress Maker	Elgin, N. B.	Stephen and Mary (Stewart) Styles	Reading, Mass.
" "	George Fife MacClintock	20	Clerk	E. Weymouth, Mass.	Stephen and Annie (Cullen) Meuse	Denise F. Lee, Priest
" 16	Grace Lillian Broad	24	Seam Fitter	Dover, N. H.	John R. and Sylvia (Meuse) Meuse	James H. Trask, Minister
" "	Syrdney Manning	32	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Thomas and Helen (Fife) MacClintock	Reading, Mass.
" 23	Maud C. Thistle	31	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Nathaniel W. and Mary A. (Luce) Broad	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
" "	Fred C. Thistle	27	At Home	Lynnfield, Mass.	Edwin and Frances Henrietta (Gorham) Manning	Reading, Mass.
" "	Annette Gertrude Westcott	31	Fruit Buyer	Bath, Me.	Stephen and Nellie M. (Fairbanks) Lustig	Elder S. J. Hersum, Minister
				Bowdoin, Me.	George W. and Mary R. (Hume) Thistle	Richmond, Me.
					Henry W. and Patience F. (Webber) Westcott	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1905.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Sept 6	Frank O. Sargent	57	Machinist	No. Andover, Mass.	Abel and Lucinda (French) Sargent	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 11	Rose Gertrude Upton	46	Nurse	Wilmington, Mass.	Andrew and Eliza J. (Brackett) Upton	Reading, Mass.
" 17	Henry Lois Kellam	33	Clerk	West Dennis, Mass.	William and Susan E. (Baker) Baker	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 17	Mary Lois Kellam	27	Milliner	East Boxford, Mass.	Phineas S. and Florence E. (Gould) Kellam	Reading, Mass.
" 20	Louis I. Nichols	21	Millhand	Wakfield, Mass.	Amos C. and Dora (Bridge) Nichols	William T. O'Connor, Asst. Priest
" 20	Annie E. McFague	21	At Home	Wakfield, Mass.	Michael J. and Annie E. (Cullen) McFague	Wakfield, Mass.
" 20	Fredrick Baucroft	59	Banker	Reading, Mass.	Emory and Harriet (Bitchelder) Baucroft	Frank Parker, Clergyman
Oct. 4	Lillian M. Glidden	32	Private Secretary	Natick, Mass.	George A. and Mary (Berry) Glidden	Wenham, Mass.
" 4	William Sherburne Badger	25	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	William H. and Caroline A. (Jossey) Badger	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 4	Flurence Soumers Pittman	25	At Home	West Medford, Mass.	Thomas P. and Sarah A. (Jossey) Pittman	Reading, Mass.
" 17	Edwina Johnson	31	Machinist	Sweden	Swan and Anna (Johnson) Johnson	J. E. Hallmertz, Pastor
" 17	Williamine Theresa Swanson	22	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Charles J. and Emma C. (Anderson) Swanson	Woburn, Mass.
" 19	Leslie Andrew Nichols	21	Necktie Cutter	Wakfield, Mass.	James C. and Isabella (Quate) Nichols	Mathew S. McCord, Presbyterian
" 19	Lizzie Mabel Brown	27	At Home	Boxford, Mass.	William P. and Eliza J. (Bateman) Brown	Providence, R. I.
" 23	Roy H. Pearl	21	Fireman	Reading, Mass.	Edward E. and Catherine (Kellam) Pearl	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
" 23	Florence E. Gleason	25	Teacher	Reading, Mass.	Adelbert C. and Almira (Bancroft) Gleason	Reading, Mass.
" 25	Frank E. Gleason	25	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Julius I. and Lucy (Smith) Gleason	Reading, Mass.
" 25	Eva J. H. Hodson	23	At Home	Engle Park, Mass.	Alexander and Eliza (Cleaves) Hodson	Reading, Mass.
" 25	George William Fifield	29	Prano Inspector	Hingham, Mass.	William and Kate (Hodges) Fifield	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 25	Lillian Caroline Nichols	22	Stenographer	Reading, Mass.	Willard P. and Lottie M. (Newall) Nichols	Reading, Mass.
" 25	William Wilbur Fier	24	Bookbinder	Reading, Mass.	Luigi A. and Mary (Fier) Newell	Reading, Mass.
" 28	Evelyn Re-Newell	21	At Home	Jamaica Plain, Mass.	Joseph D. and Mary J. (Reed) Melendy	W. C. Myers, Minister
" 30	Nathan E. Melendy	23	Rubber Worker	Woburn, Mass.	William and Ann A. (Doucette) Smith	Reading, Mass.
" 30	Sarah A. Smith	26	Rattan Weaver	Reading, Mass.	Frank A. and Mary J. (Tappan) Chase	Reading, Mass.
" 30	Arthur F. Chase	24	Salesman	Douglas, Mass.	Henry and Ada L. (Beard) Stock	Reading, Mass.
Nov. 1	Bertie M. Stock	25	Foreman	Reading, Mass.	Isaac and Maria (Elmer) Hauscomb	(Christopher T. McGrath, Clergyman, Somerville, Mass.)
" 1	Herbert H. Hanscomb	43	At Home	Woburn, Mass.	Michael and Margaret (Shen) McCarthy	West Newbury, Mass.
" 1	Mary E. McCarthy	39	At Home	Charlestown, Mass.	H. Over and Georgiana (Spaulding) Copeland	Reading, Mass.
" 8	George O. Copeland	25	Fireman	Wakfield, Mass.	Froy G. and Lillie (Hunkins) Rollins	Reading, Mass.
" 8	M. Mildred Rollins	22	At Home	Wakfield, Mass.	George and Charlotte E. C. (Newcomb) Abbott	Reading, Mass.
" 19	Arthur G. Abbott	24	Paper Folder	Wakfield, Mass.	Edward A. and Mary (Nason) Smith	Reading, Mass.
" 19	Leva Gertrude Smith	24	At Home	Exeter, N. H.	Rufus T. and Mary (Gavin) Goodridge	Adolphus Linfield, Clergyman
" 19	Walter V. Goodridge	19	Motorman	Beverly, Mass.	George H. and Mary (McDonald) Snelling	Wilmington, Mass.
" 19	Harriet M. Snelling	39	At Home	Wakfield, Mass.	Samuel L. and Elizabeth V. (Froton) Bonnett	Henry G. Gay, Minister
" 22	Onussey V. Bonnett	42	Shoemaker	Baltimore, Md.	Edijah and Harriet (Barrett) Tracey	Reading, Mass.
" 22	Rachel T. J. Vanhorn	27	Organ Pipe	England	Fredrick and Alice (Bromilow) Bolton	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
" 22	Fredrick Charles Bolton	26	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Julius I. and Lucy (Smith) Gleason	Reading, Mass.
" 22	Florence Gertrude Gleason	33	Machinist	Ireland	Thomas and Bridget (Raftery) Murray	Denis F. Lee, Priest
" 22	Catharine McDonough	29	Housework	Ireland	Miles and Ann (Flaherty) McDonough	Reading, Mass.
" 29	Philip H. Reilly	33	Shoemaker	Ireland	Thomas and Margaret (Reilly) Reilly	Denis F. Lee, Priest
" 29	Kate McCarthy	29	Presser	Ireland	Patrick and Margaret (Weafer) McCarthy	Reading, Mass.

Dec. 1	Harry C. Lord	31	Shoe Cutter	Kennebunk, Me.	Ivory and Huldah (Burnham) Lord	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
" 12	Lulu M. Day	24	Shoe Presser	Kennebunk, Me.	Charles and Mary (Wilder) Day	Reading, Mass.
" "	Clement Hayward Kimball	24	Travelling Ft. Agent	Littleton, Mass.	Alonzo Hayw'd and M'tha A. (Burnham) Kimball	Everett D. Burr, Minister
" 20	Ethel Louise Leach	25	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Elbridge C. and Sophie Louise (Johnson) Leach	Newton, Mass.
" 21	Charles Waldo Hill	29	Tailor	Woburn, Mass.	Waldo and Mary E. (Quimby) Hill	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" "	Blanche Maybelle Ellison	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	James A. and N-etie (Davis) Ellison	Reading, Mass.
" 21	Frederick Jones Hannaford	19	Burnisher of Shoes	Reading, Mass.	Warren I. and Margaret S. (Sutton) Hannaford	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
" "	Eva May Short	18	Forewoman	Medford, Mass.	William H. and Mary L. (St. Denis) Short	Reading, Mass.
" 21	Carl Schmidt	38	Poultry Farmer	Germany	Johann and M. guerite (Wilmenroth) Schmidt	Lee S. Wheeler, Pastor
" 21	Nellie G. B. Champney	46	Housekeeper	Landoff, N. H.	William H. and Sophia (Buzzell) Banfill	Malden, Mass.
" "	Bertram Edgar Dugan	20	Farmer	Temple, N. H.	Thomas C. and Susan L. (Smith) Dugan	W. W. Bowers, Clergyman
" 28	Savie Elizabeth Hannaford	21	At Home	Charlestown, Mass.	War. T. and Marg't Shanton (Sutton) Hannaford	Reading, Mass.
" "	Ernest Morgan Holder	29	Armature Winder	Lynn, Mass.	Langdon H. and Ella M. (Dickson) Holder	William H. Parker, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass.
" "	Nellie Bernice Choate	27	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Fitz Herbert and Ella M. (McLendy) Choate	

Whole No. of Marriages, 73; Nativity of Persons Married: Born in United States, Males, 58, Females, 56; Nativity of Persons Born out of the United States: Males, 15, Females, 17.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1905.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	PARENTS OR HUSBAND.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1904				
Dec.	George Edmund White	0	Edmund and Sarah White	Phtisis Pulmonalis
1905				
Jan.	Elizabeth Eustis Leathe	93	George E. Leathe	Bronchitis
"	Emily W. Austin	78	Robert Austin	Broncho Pneumonia
"	Ellen B. Bickford	76	John and Polly (Adams) Bickford	Valvular Disease o Heart
"	Eliza DeKonde	63	John D. DeKonde	Fatty Degeneration of Heart
Feb.	Elizabeth W. DeRonde	87	Martin J. DeRonde	Acute Diarrhoea
"	Mary A. Knight	21	Walter G. Knight	Septicaemia
"	Jonathan R. Severance	63	David and Ruth (Welsh) Severance	Septicaemia
"	Frances H. Manning	58	Edwin Manning	Cancer of Breast
"	Raymond W. Gentner	13	Charles E. and Adelaide M. Parkhurst Gentner	Phtisis
"	Clara S. Guild	47	Edward P. Guild	Carcinoma of Uteris
"	Jennie T. Foster	64	George R. and Sally (Britton) Turner	Cerebral Softening
"	John B. Williams	45	John and Fannie M. (Belcher) Williams	Locomotor Ataxia
"	Harriet Dow	83	Milo Dow	Chronic Bronchitis
"	John Bowditch	82	Jonathan and Lucy Keith Bowditch	Valvular Disease of Heart
"	Clarkson Parker	70	Phabram and Harriet M. Fletcher Parker	Heart Disease
Mar.	Emily W. Houghton	21	William P. Houghton	Typhoid Fever
"	Mary F. Houghton	56	Nathaniel and Lucretia Taylor Houghton	Cerebral Embolism
"	Edward N. Shea	36	Wm. and Ann Gallagher Shea	Pneumonia
"	James Leonard Dulong	0	Peter R. and Rosa C. Dulong	Acute Indigestion
"	Henry W. Wakefield	25	Charles and Mary A. Kidder Wakefield	Neuritis
"	Harwell Nichols	82	Daniel L. and Lavinia Parker Nichols	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	James W. McKenney	37	Owen and Bridget Flannagin McKenney	Heart Failure
Apr.	Mary Roach	41	John Roach	Shock from Operation
"	Wilmer S. Elliott	45	Luther and Abbie A. Eaton Elliott	Carcinoma of Face
"	Rosalie Muse	80	John Muse	Apoplexy
"	Harriett E. Young	83	Edward Young	Apoplexy
"	Jacob Graves	75	Nathaniel and Sophia Whittier Graves	Pleura Pneumonia
"	Marion L. Russell	13	George W. and Sarah A. Coun Russell	Cerebral Meningitis
"	Abigail Southwick	91	Edmond B. Southwick	Fracture Neck of Femur
"	Sarah A. Deaman	78	Henry Deadman	Bronchitis
"	Frances May Cooper	0	Harry O. and Lizzie A. O'Brien Cooper	Intrusion of Intestine
"	Josiah Horton Tilton	10	Josiah and Sarah Dearborn Tilton	Old Age
"	Selina F. Cobb	90	Leander Cobb	Endocarditis
"	Sarah Elizabeth Richardson	87	Charles A. Richardson	Embolism
"	Almira Gleason	64	Albert B. Gleason	Mitral Insufficiency
May	Antonette Conti	2	Frank and Ellen Fiorani Conti	Diphtheria
"	Sarah Elizabeth Cox	54	Hubbard E. and Lydia P. Spokesfield Cox	Meningitis
"	Frank A. Webster	53	Appleton and Lydia Phenix Webster	Railroad Injuries
"	Elizabeth Lauth	31	Unknown	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	Stanley B. Nichols	0	Walter B. and Grace C. Stanniford Nichols	Gastro Enteritis

June 1	Ellen C. Holden	79	0	17	Arkaid T. Holden	Acute Intestinal Obstruction
" 2	Daniel Rodden	0	0	3	Wm. T. and Mary T. Wright Rodden	Cerebral Meningitis
" 5	Frank D. Pratt	0	0	1	Winthrop E. and Harriet Hyde Pratt	Asphyxia
" 11	Oliver N. Butterfield	85	6	25	Wm. A. F. Butterfield	Old Age
" 15	Harley Prentiss	61	4	26	Samuel and Cornelia Ruggles Prentiss	Pernicious Anemia
" 30	George Talbot	35	8	23	Wm. R. and Dianna Butt Talbot	Cerebral Hemorrhage
July 1	Richard E. Morse	56	6	0	Alonzo and Lydia McIntire Morse	Bright's Disease
" 3	Emma Marian Gardner	38	0	0	George A. Gardner	Cancer of Breast
" 5	Lillian Surette	63	0	4	Frank and Mary Castine Surette	Infantile Convulsions
" 6	Betsy P. Meserve	63	10	13	Johnson Meserve	Mitral Insufficiency
" 9	Henry H. Nowell	58	0	0	Unknown	Broncho Pneumonia
" 11	Amy L. Saunders	52	6	7	John W. and Lillian Passington Saunders	Tubercular Meningitis
" 13	Alzina Carolyn Eames	52	6	0	George T. Eames	Diabetes Mellitus
" 28	Raymond White	6	3	12	Peter and Mary A. Surette White	Cholera Infantum
" 28	Edward Davies	75	4	18	Unknown	Cerebral Softening
" 29	Stillborn (M)	—	—	—	—	—
Aug. 10	Frank S. Vermille	39	5	3	Wm. and Carrie Follet Vermille	Street R. R. Accident
" 18	Vernon H. Moulton	0	1	15	Charles W. and Henrietta Holt Moulton	Gastro Enteritis
" 19	Ruth E. Lane	26	9	19	Henry and Mira F. Page Lane	Acute Phthisis
" 24	Daniel White	52	6	10	Amos and Ruth McClean White	Cancer of Bladder
" 26	Beatrice Josselyn	5	3	5	Asa H. and Linda G. Wiley Josselyn	Enterocolitis
" 28	Henry E. Ballou	63	3	5	Oziah Ballou and Unknown	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Sept. 2	George T. McKinley	23	8	13	Wm. C. and Katherine Malone McKinley	Phthisis
" 8	Emma A. Smalledge	46	6	25	Frank W. Smalledge	Pneumonia
" 12	Martha C. Hurt	83	0	0	John Hurt	Arterio Sclerosis
" 15	Ellen F. Symonds	59	10	17	Otis P. Symonds	Carcinoma of Breast
" 26	Joseph L. Kirkland (F)	0	0	1	Archie H. and Mary Leonard Kirkland	Shock
Oct. 2	Christy B. Bailey	34	9	14	Joseph L. and Margaret N. Nowell Graham	Sarcoma of Kidney
" 4	Sarah A. Milberry	66	2	0	Thomas S. Bailey	Pneumonia
" 7	Elsie M. Butters	3	7	24	Frank A. and Mabel B. Jones Butters	Paralysis
" 20	Mary A. Weston	57	2	1	David Weston	Laryngeal Diptheria
" 22	Francena E. Porter	71	6	21	James and Elizabeth Cushing Porter	Tubercular Disease of Lungs
Nov. 1	Fleisic A. Nichols	16	0	21	Albion G. and Jessie B. Fendergrace Nichols	Valvular Disease of Heart
" 11	Henry S. LaClair	75	1	19	John and Harriet Draper LaClair	Cirrhosis of the Liver
" 15	Frances A. W. Parker	71	3	25	George A. Parker	Softening of the Brain
" 26	Almira B. Sanborn	58	1	21	John N. and Elizabeth Carter Sanborn	Endocarditis
Dec. 3	Sarah Elizabeth Reid	79	7	15	James Reid	Mitral Insufficiency
" 4	Adelbert Cheever McIntire	58	0	12	Amos and Mary McIntire	Shock, Struck by R. R. Train
" 6	George A. Boyce	58	3	10	Benjamin M. and Della Pratt Boyce	Paralysis
" 6	R. Melissa Hollis	71	9	15	Benjamin W. Hollis	Endocarditis
" 19	Cordelia P. Ide	72	4	4	Marcus Ide	Abscess of Frontal Bones
" 20	Lucia (G. Byers)	47	0	28	Harvey S. and Lucia L. Temple Crocker	Exhaustion Shock
" 26	Crocker (M)	0	0	1	William H. Byers	Locomotor Ataxia
" 30	Leonard Livingstone	51	3	28	Robert and Mary Parker Livingston	Phthisis

Whole Number of Deaths, 83; Males, 34; Females, 49; Born in United States, Males, 31; Females, 40; Foreign born, Males, 3; Females, 9.

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1905

Whole number of licenses issued		
260 males at \$2.00	\$520	00
43 females at \$5.00	215	00
1 kennel license at \$15.00	25	00
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Total	\$760	00
Less fees for 304 licenses	60	80
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Total	\$699	20
Balance in Town Clerk's hands, 1904	1	80
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		\$701 00
June 1, 1905, paid County Treasurer	\$358	20
Dec. 4, 1905, paid County Treasurer	342	80
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		\$701 00
Number of dogs returned by the Assessors to the Town Clerk:		
Male dogs	262	
Female dogs	33	
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		295
Number of dogs licensed by me not returned by Assessors		38
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		333
Total number licensed	308	
Killed or left Town	25	
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		333

This is the banner year for licensing dogs, having issued 304 licenses which as compared with last year there was 264 licenses issued. In 1900 there were 207 issued. The total paid to County Treasurer in 1900, \$441.60 ; the total paid to County Treasurer in 1905, \$701.00. This is particularly beneficial to the Public Library as the main part of this is returned to the Library for its use.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

December 31, 1905.

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1905

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD JANUARY 30, 1905

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to procure plans and estimates, make contracts and do all things required for the erection of a High School Building on the lot on Linden Street formerly belonging to Miss Adelaide Sheak, and to see how much money they will appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 2. Voted that a Committee of nine to consist of the School Committee and three others to be appointed by the Chair, one of the three to be a builder and the other two to be business men. That this Committee be authorized to procure plans and estimates for a new High School Building and report to the Town at a subsequent meeting, and that \$1,500 be raised and appropriated therefor. The Chair appointed as the three additional members of the Committee: Henry R. Johnson, builder, Albert J. Francis, Charles A. Loring, business men.

Art. 3. Voted to pass over.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of exterminating the brown tail and gypsy moths, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the purpose of exterminating the brown tail and gypsy moths, this amount to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy of record.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 1905

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Flint was duly chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of the Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of the Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors and Tree Warden for one year. Also on same ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The following ballot clerks were duly sworn: George L. Pratt, William H. Perkins. The ballots were duly delivered to the Presiding Officer and his receipt obtained therefor. The ballot box was opened and examined and found empty. The ballot box was found to register 0000, and the polls were duly declared open by the Moderator at 6h. 15m. o'clock a. m. The following election officers were duly sworn by the Moderator: John B. Champney, Clinton L. Newell, Chester C. Richardson, Horace E. Eames, Alfred W. Danforth, Henry M. Donegan, Charles H. Stinchfield, Percy M. Smith, Joseph S. Robinson, John Connelly, George E. Adams, J. Clarence Oxley.

Voted to close the polls at 4h. 15m. p. m. No objection being made votes were several times taken from ballot box during the day. The polls were duly closed at 4.15 p. m. and the count of votes showed that 662 men and 18 women had voted. The votes were counted and declared in open Town Meeting with the following result:

TOWN CLERK

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave. 510

Blanks	151
Scattering	1

SELECTMEN

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	450
Henry R. Johnson, 60 John st.	434
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	560
Blanks	535
Scattering	7

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	450
Henry R. Johnson, 60 John st.	433
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	553
Blanks	542
Scattering	8

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	487
Blanks	163
Scattering	3

TREASURER

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	496
Blanks	163
Scattering	3

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Herbert M. Viall, 88 Prospect st.	517
Blanks	142
Scattering	3

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Frederick D. Merrill, 27 Highland st	503
Blanks	156
Scattering	3

CONSTABLES

Frederick D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	452
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John H. Orr, 31 Village st.	376
Herbert G. Stock, 8 Ash st	230
Blanks	261
Scattering	5

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

E. Harley Gowing, 50 Woburn st.	508
Blanks	154

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

George H. Clough, 60 Lowell st.	286
Frank W. Willis, 11 Parker st.	293
Blanks	83

TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS

Galen A. Parker, 1 Charles st.	488
Willie E. Twombly, 35 Highland st.	515
Blanks	327
Scattering	4

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Cyrus M. Barrows, 281 Lowell st.	437
Arthur N. Mansfield, 31 Woburn st.	315
Ward C. Mansfield, 49 Prescott st.	252
Blanks	318
Scattering	2

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Walter S. Parker, 55 Walnut st.	427
Horace G. Wadlin, 118 Woburn st.	457
Blanks	422
George L. Pratt	25
Scattering	29

AUDITORS

Albert R. Shepardson, 48 King st.	477
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	500
J. Henry Wilson, 35 West st.	481

Blanks	496
Scattering	2

TREE WARDEN

Archie H. Kirkland, 15 Prescott st.	511
Blanks	149
Scattering	2

SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED?

Yes	151
No	402
Blanks	109

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy, attest :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

READING, MARCH 6, 1905.

Pursuant to foregoing warrant and the return thereof a Town Meeting was held at the time and place therein specified and was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Wm. W. Bowers. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the return thereon.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Proceeded to election of Moderator. Henry R. Johnson was appointed to check voters voting for Moderator. The polls were duly opened and closed and the vote declared as follows: Whole number of votes cast, three, all for George L. Flint who was declared elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

Voted that Asa Parker, Willard A. Bancroft and Herbert G. Stock serve as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Voted that John H. Orr be appointed Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the following persons serve as Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year : James A. Bancroft, Ora L. Milbury, Wendell Bancroft, Joseph W. Killam, Warren M. Whitehouse, Samuel Brown, William R. Zwicker, Burton K. Symonds, Edward B. Eames and George L. Flint.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to confer with and request the officers of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co. to erect a suitable structure to protect passengers from the weather.

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be instructed to charge 5 per cent. interest on all taxes uncollected Nov. 1st, 1905, and (so far as is possible) collect on or before that time all taxes and also collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1906, forthwith, by due process of law unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment. (This vote was reconsidered later.)

Voted that the Selectmen in case of Fisher vs. Town of Reading have full power in the settlement of this case. (This case is for claimed injuries on sidewalk on Lowell street, front of estate of Jason W. Richardson.)

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superin-

tendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters, Repairs of Concrete, Miscellaneous Expenses and Tree Warden.

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate for regular	
School Expenses, including Supt. of Schools	\$27,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Incidental School	
Expenses	5,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Highways, Bridges	
and Sidewalks	3,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Sprinkling Streets	450 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Removing Snow and	
Ice	\$800 00

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 32. Voted to take this article.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department thirty-five dollars per year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to pay the members of the Fire Department \$35 each per year.

Art. 3. Voted to take up.

The following resolve was passed: That it is for the best interests of the schools of Reading that the office of Superintendent of Schools and that of Principal of the High School be combined and that the School Committee appoint a man to discharge the duties of this office. (Later this vote was rescinded.)

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. Voted to take up.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Public Library . \$900 00

Voted to adjourn to Monday evening, March 13, A. D. 1905,
to this Lyceum Hall at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

READING, MASS., MARCH 13, 1905.

Pursuant to the adjournment thereof the Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, George L. Flint, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Art. 3. Voted to take up.

Voted to reconsider vote whereby it was voted to instruct Collector of Taxes to charge 5 per cent. interest on and after Nov. 1st on all uncollected taxes and collect (so far as is possible) all taxes on that date and also collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1906, forthwith, by due process of law unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment, and the following vote was passed:

Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes (so far as possible) on or before Oct. 1st, 1905, and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at six per cent. per annum from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1906, forthwith, by due process of law, unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment,

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be instructed to take for the Town, under the provisions of Sections 53, 54 and 55 of Chapter 13 of Revised Laws, all Real Estate upon which he finds it necessary to levy for the collection of any tax assessed thereon.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. Voted to take up.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Fire Department . \$5,200 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Police Department 2,800 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Forest Fire Wards 150 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor . 3,300 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers	3,600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for State and Military Aid	2,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief . . .	1,200 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing	700 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Abatement of Taxes	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Building and Office	400 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Laurel Hill Cemetery and appropriate the unexpended balance of 1904, \$85.77, and proceeds of sales of lots for current year	900 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day	175 00
to be expended under the direction of the Adjutant of Post 194, G. A. R.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Board of Health . . .	600 00
Voted to appropriate from Miscellaneous Expense Acc't to take care of Old South Clock	50 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest Account . . .	900 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for care of Common, Mayall and Elm Parks	150 00
and appropriate the unexpended balance of 1904 . . .	62 78
Voted to raise and appropriate for Election Expenses	300 00
Voted to appropriate the amount necessary for Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half) from regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted to appropriate the amount necessary for Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters from regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Repairs of Concrete \$	350 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for general expense Tree Warden	200 00

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment on Electric Light and Power Plant Note for fourteen hundred dollars due May 1, 1905.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two hundred and eighty dollars for the purpose of maintaining one hundred and thirty-eight arc lights at sixty dollars per light; and appropriate the same together with receipts of Plant and cash on hand, as follows, viz:

Three thousand dollars for construction account and the balance for interest and maintenance accounts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1905, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5 and Art. 19. Voted to take action on these two articles combined.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7590 for the purpose of maintaining 138 arc lights at \$55 per light and appropriate the same together with the balance of cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905, \$933.18, and receipts of Plant. From receipts of Plant there shall be paid to the Town Treasurer fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400) to take up Electric Light and Power Plant Note due May 1, 1905. \$3,000 for construction account shall also be appropriated from receipts and balance of receipts shall be used for Maintenance and Interest Accounts.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars to install an arc lamp on High street, about one hundred feet north of Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars to install an arc lamp on Salem street, near Winter street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five dollars to install an arc lamp on Green street, near Elliott street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum

of fifty dollars to install an arc lamp on Bancroft avenue, midway between Mt. Vernon street and Middlesex avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Arts. 6, 7, 8, 9. Voted to pass over.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate for electricity for Home for Aged Women, \$50.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 11. Voted to raise and appropriate for water for Home for Aged Women, \$25.

Art. 12. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate for hydrant rentals, \$4,920.

Voted to raise and appropriate for drinking fountains, \$300.

Voted to raise and appropriate for street sprinkling, \$500.

Voted that these sums voted for hydrant rentals, drinking fountains and water for street sprinkling, together with the receipts of the water plant, be appropriated for maintenance of water works, interest on water loan and service pipes.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 13. Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan, to and for the use of the Town of Reading in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or

sums not exceeding in the aggregate ninety thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this note shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 14. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 14. Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes shall be three-fourths of one per cent. on each dollar collected during the fiscal year and amount of postage expended for collection.

Art. 15. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 15. Voted to instruct Selectmen to fill all vacancies in Finance Committee.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate for electricity G. A. R. Hall, \$50.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred and sixty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate for interest on School House Bonds, \$1160.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred eighty-two dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate for interest on School House Notes, \$482.50.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House Note for two thousand dollars due May 10, 1905.

Art. 20. Voted that for the purpose of paying the School House Note for \$2000, due May 10, 1905, the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$2000, and issue the note of the Town therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to purchase the playground on Washington street owned by Mr. Kirk Sweetser, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to instruct Selectmen to lease a suitable playground and that \$342 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to issue the note or notes of the Town for the sum of seventy-six hundred dollars for the purposes set forth in Article 21 of this warrant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. Voted to pass over.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to dispose of the school house on North Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. Voted to take up and the following vote was passed:

Voted that the School Committee is hereby authorized to dispose of the school house on North Main street.

Voted to adjourn to meet in Lyceum Hall at 7.30 o'clock p. Thursday, March 16, 1905.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

READING, MASS., MARCH 16, 1905.

Pursuant to the adjournment Town Meeting met and was called to order by the Moderator, Geo. L. Flint, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (the amount raised and appropriated last

year) for the purpose of taking care of the water on Pearl street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$350 from the amount raised in 1904 for Pearl street drain.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to drain West street at a point near John H. Knights', said drain to be laid across land of Henry Livermore; and raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will allow Dr. H. B. Howard to lay a drain from Manning's Block, so called, along Main street to a point near the Y. M. C. A. building, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. Voted to allow Dr. H. B. Howard to lay a drain from Manning's Block, so called, along Main street to a point near the Y. M. C. A. building, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of Grove street, from Lowell street to Forest street, and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars, which was raised and appropriated last year. Any expenditure over this amount necessary to complete the work to be taken from the regular highway appropriation, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 39. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Grove street, from Lowell street to Forest street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 39. Voted to take up.

The Selectmen made the following report :

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN ON THE LAYING OUT OF GROVE
STREET FROM LOWELL STREET TO FOREST STREET.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for use of the Town as a public way described as follows : Beginning on the northerly side of Lowell street at land of Mary F. Bessom, then the line runs N. $28^{\circ} 24'$ W. twenty (20) feet, then by a curve to the right, with a radius of one hundred fifty-nine 60-100 (159.60) feet, forty-five 21-100 (45.21) feet ; then N. $12^{\circ} 10'$ W. seventy 33-100 (70.33) feet ; then N. $10^{\circ} 30'$ W. two hundred and sixty (260) feet, then N. $7^{\circ} 28''$ W. one hundred and sixty-seven (167) feet ; then by a curve to the right, with a radius of one hundred and sixty 75-100 (160.75) feet, ninety-two 35-100 (92.35) feet, all against land of said Bessom ; then N. $25^{\circ} 27'$ E. one hundred ninety-one 10-100 (191.10) feet against land of said Bessom and land of W. H. Becker ; then N. $34^{\circ} 09'$ E. one hundred and thirteen (113) feet against land of said Becker ; then N. $36^{\circ} 38'$ E. one hundred and seven (107) feet against land of said Becker and land of E. J. Roundy ; then N. $39^{\circ} 56'$ E. one hundred and twenty-three (123) feet ; then by a curve to the left with a radius of one hundred and sixty-one (161) feet, one hundred and eighty-eight 76-100 (188.76) feet ; then N. $27^{\circ} 14'$ W. ninety-six 47-100 (96.47) feet, all against land of said Roundy ; then N. $20^{\circ} 21''$ W. one hundred and ninety-three 54-100 (193.54) feet over land of said Roundy and land now used as a highway to land of B. L. Spiller ; then N. $41^{\circ} 26'$ W. ninety-six (96) feet, then N. $48^{\circ} 07'$ W. seventy-eight (78) feet ; then N. $50^{\circ} 41'$ W. sixty-seven (67) feet ; then N. $43^{\circ} 54'$ W. one hundred and twenty-two 50-100 (122.50) feet ; then by a curve to the right with a radius of thirteen (13) feet, twenty 42-100 (20.42) feet to Forest street. The above description is for the easterly and northeasterly line.

The westerly and southwesterly line is described as follows, viz : Beginning on the northeasterly side of Lowell street one hundred and forty-seven 15-100 (147.15) feet from the first point ; then

by a curve to the left with a radius of thirty-five (35) feet, the chord of which is forty 50-100 (40.50) feet, forty-three 19-100 (43.19) feet to a point opposite the northerly end of the third-mentioned course and thirty-three (33) feet distant therefrom; then the line runs parallel to and thirty-three (33) feet from the line on the easterly and northeasterly line to the end of the last mentioned course of N. 43° 54' W.

The whole to conform to the lines shown in red on a plan made by James A. Bancroft dated Feb. 21, 1905, and which is considered a part of this report. We have estimated the cost of building said Town way at one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars. No damages being claimed we have allowed none. We recommend that when the above report is accepted and adopted by the Town the said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town way.

JAMES W. KULLAM,	}	Selectmen
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		of
HENRY R. JOHNSON,		Reading.

Reading, Mass., March 4, 1905.

Voted that the Selectmen's report be accepted and adopted and that the sum of \$150 necessary to carry out their recommendations be appropriated from the regular highway appropriation.

Art. 26. Voted to take from the table and the following vote was passed :

Voted that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of Grove street, from Lowell street to Forest street, and to appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars raised and appropriated at the annual meeting of 1904. Any expenditure over the amount necessary to complete the work to be taken from the regular highway appropriation.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will concur with the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners in the proposed change in the boundary line between the towns of Lynnfield and Reading as recommended by said Board, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Town of Reading hereby concurs with the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners in the proposed change in the boundary line between the towns of Lynnfield and Reading, so that the same shall be as follows: Beginning at the corner of the towns of Lynnfield, North Reading and Reading at a granite monument marked NR R, in latitude $42^{\circ} 33' 21.41''$ and longitude $71^{\circ} 04' 17.32''$; thence south $38^{\circ} 50'$ east (true bearing), 2910 feet, to a granite monument marked LR, in latitude $42^{\circ} 32' 59.02''$ and longitude $71^{\circ} 03' 52.94''$; thence south $88^{\circ} 09'$ west (true bearing), 3283 feet to a granite monument marked LR, in latitude $42^{\circ} 32' 57.97''$ and longitude $71^{\circ} 04' 36.77''$; thence south $52^{\circ} 44'$ west (true bearing), 1177 feet to a granite monument marked LR, in latitude $42^{\circ} 32' 50.93''$ and longitude $71^{\circ} 04' 49.28''$; thence south $20^{\circ} 44'$ east (true bearing), 3307 feet to a granite monument marked LR, in latitude $42^{\circ} 32' 20.38''$ and longitude $71^{\circ} 04' 33.64''$; thence south $1^{\circ} 58'$ east (true bearing), 2883 feet, to a granite monument standing at the corner of the towns of Lynnfield, Reading and Wakefield in latitude $42^{\circ} 31' 51.92''$ and longitude $71^{\circ} 04' 32.32''$.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expense of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 towards paying the expenses of band concerts for the present fiscal year.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to purchase of the Old South M. E. Church the lot of land adjoining the cemetery, lying northerly of a line parallel to and twenty-five feet distant from the northerly end of the chapel belonging to said church, containing fourteen thousand square feet, for the sum of one thousand dollars, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. Voted that the Town choose a committee of three to confer with the trustees of the Old South M. E. Church in regard to the matter of purchase and report to the Town on or before the next annual meeting.

The following were appointed as the committee: Edward F. Parker, Henry R. Johnson, Lemuel W. Allen.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for the Police Department for the ensuing year, or otherwise provide for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. Voted to pass over.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to purchase one thousand feet of fire hose, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. Voted to raise and appropriate \$550 to purchase 1000 feet of hose for the Fire Department to be expended under the direction of the engineers of the Fire Department.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Life Saving Apparatus, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. Voted to purchase a Life Saving Apparatus and the amount necessary be appropriated from the unexpended balance of the Fire Department for 1904, the amount being \$87.98, and the same be expended under the direction of the Board of Fire Engineers.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a fire alarm box at the corner of Main and Forest streets, and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. Voted to raise and appropriate \$50 to establish a fire alarm box at the corner of Main and Forest streets.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty dollars for the purpose of placing a hydrant on South Main street, opposite the house of A. P. Oliver, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. Voted to pass over.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of

Selectmen to purchase a steam road-roller at a cost not exceeding three thousand dollars, and raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for payment of a portion of the purchase price, and give the note or notes of the Town for the balance, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. Voted that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a steam road-roller at an expense not exceeding \$3000, and that \$400 be appropriated from the unexpended appropriation made in 1904 for Pearl street drain, and \$400 be paid from regular highway appropriation for 1905, and the Town Treasurer is authorized under the direction of the Selectmen to issue the notes of the Town for the balance, the same to be paid from the highway appropriation for the next five years after 1905.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of shingling the barn at the Town Home, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. Voted to raise and appropriate \$125 to shingle Town Home barn.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will appoint a committee for the purpose of revising the By-Laws, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. Voted to pass over.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of installing a heater in the Town Building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. Voted to raise and appropriate \$200 to install a heater in the Town Building on Pleasant st.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Committee on Building Laws which was appointed at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. Voted that the Report of the Committee on Building Laws be published in The Reading Chronicle and an article in-

serted in next Warrant for a Town Meeting by the Selectmen calling for action on the same.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the amount due the attorney in the Nowell case, (Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Town of Reading), or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purpose of paying the attorney in the Nowell case, Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Town of Reading.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON GUIDE POSTS :

Guide Posts, or suitable substitutes therefor, are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz :

Corner	Walnut St. and South St.
"	Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
"	Main St. and Summer Ave.
"	Woburn St. and Summer Ave.
"	West St. and Summer Ave.
"	West St. and Woburn St.
"	Lowell St. and Willow St.
"	Lowell St. and High St.
"	Lowell St. and Middlesex Ave.
"	Grove St. and Franklin St.
"	Main St. and Franklin St.
"	Mill St. and Short St.
"	Franklin St. and Haverhill St.
"	Charles St. and Haverhill St.
"	Haverhill St. and Pine St.
"	Pine St. and Salem St.
"	Charles St. and Main St.
"	Charles St. and Pearl St.

Main St. on the Common.
Harnden St. near Pleasant St.

Reading, Mass., March 4, 1905.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table, and it was voted to accept the report of the several Town Officers as printed in the annual Town Report.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors:

Adams, George E.	Clerk
Allen, William J.	Clerk
Badger, Henry B.	Church Organ Worker
Batchelder, Warren A.	Carpenter
Batchelder, Howard W.	Farmer

Batchelder, Adelbert E.	Farmer
Beaudry, Charles B.	Organ Pipe Worker
Bessom, Charles F.	Farmer
Bosson, Harry P.	Insurance Agent
Brown, Joseph H.	Restaurateur
Brown, Samuel	Wheelwright
Bowker, Samuel W.	Contractor
Bancroft, Frederick	Broker
Bailey, Willard L.	Merchant
Carter, George	Laborer
Connelly, John	R. R. Employe
Cook, George	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	R. R. Employe
Devaney, Patrick, Jr.	R. R. Employe
Eames, Charles B.	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	Merchant
Eames, George T.	Real Estate
Eames, Webster	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	Carpenter
Horrocks, George E.	Real Estate
Johnson, J. Dana	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	Farmer
Hanscom, Edwin C.	Contractor
Kimball, Charles D.	Machinist
Knight, Edgar M.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	Cabinet Maker
LaClair, Henry S.	Farmer
Lee, Charles W.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Merchant
MacDougal, Chester W.	Plumber
McIntire, Herbert E.	Carpenter
Mack, George	Upholsterer
Mears, William H.	Merchant
Nichols, Amos C.	Caterer

Nichols, Parker	Farmer
Oakes, George F.	Engineer
Parker, Asa	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	Organ Pipe Worker
Parker, Horace A.	Cabinet Maker
Peabody, Dean	Clerk
Pratt, David W.	Laborer
Pratt, Wilmot K.	Laborer
Runkle, E. Holcombe	Clerk
Roundy, Elwin J.	Farmer
Sargent, George A.	Shoe Worker
Stone, Merrick A.	Clerk
Stewart, Spencer G.	Builder
Smith, Benjamin Y.	Organ Pipe Worker
Stinchfield, Charles H.	Machinist
Trask, Charles W. C.	Farmer
Temple, Joseph S.	Manufacturer
White, Thomas J.	Merchant
Quillen, William	Carpenter

JAMES W. KILLAM,	} Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,	
HENRY R. JOHNSON,	

Reading, February 11, 1905.

By vote the following names were stricken off of the foregoing list: Dean Peabody, Adelbert E. Batchelder, Samuel W. Bowker.

The following names it was voted to add to List of Jurors:

Baker, William H.	Carpenter
Prichard, Augustus D.	Farmer
Roberts, Joseph A.	Clerk

Voted to accept list of jurors as prepared and amended.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

A true copy of record, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 28, 1905.

Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned a Town Meeting was held, being called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles. The Warrant was read and the return thereof and acting under Art. 1:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was unanimously chosen Moderator.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise or otherwise provide and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and twenty-five (\$925.00) dollars to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden for the purpose of exterminating the Brown Tail Moth, the Gypsy Moth, and other injurious pests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5. Voted to take up.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$925.00 to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen for the purpose of exterminating the Brown Tail Moth, the Gypsy Moth, and other injurious pests.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the report of the committee of the new High School building.

The Committee on the building of a new High School on lot lately purchased between Sanborn and Linden streets, known as the Sheak or Wight property, reported favorably upon building the same and the following vote was passed: 65 voting yes and none no.

Voted that the School Committee, together with Henry R. Johnson, Charles A. Loring and Albert J. Francis, are hereby created a Building Committee with full power to act for the Town in the erection of a High School building on the lot owned by the Town on Linden street, known as the Wight lot, in accordance with the plans prepared by Adden & Parker, Architects, with such modifications as the Committee may consider necessary in the progress of the work; and to complete and furnish the same ready for occupancy at an expense not exceeding in the aggregate \$85,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated for the purpose

specified, and the said Committee is further authorized to dispose of the buildings now on the lot by sale or to transfer them to the custody of the Selectmen as they may deem best, any money received therefor to be turned into the treasury.

Art. 3. To see if the Town, for the purpose of providing funds for the erection of a High School building, will authorize its Treasurer to borrow under the direction of the Selectmen the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars and issue the bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable at such times as will extinguish the debt within twenty years.

Art. 3. Voted that for the purpose of providing funds for the erection of a new High School building it was voted that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow under the direction of the Selectmen the sum of \$85,000, and to issue the bonds or notes of the Town therefor bearing interest at four per cent. per annum and payable at such times as will extinguish the entire indebtedness hereby authorized within a period of twenty years from date of issue.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to change the water rates, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 4. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in regard to the discontinuance of the Tower gate house at the Main-Ash St. crossing of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Art. 4. The Selectmen reported that they had been unable to accomplish the discontinuance of the Tower gate house at the B. & M. R. R. crossing at Ash and Main streets and asked to be relieved from further responsibility in the matter.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen and that they be relieved from further responsibility in the matter.

Voted to indefinitely postpone further action on this article.

Art. 7. To hear and act on the report of the Committee on Building Laws, which was appointed at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1901.

Art. 7. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

A true copy of record, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCT. 31, 1905.

Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued a meeting was held at the time and place therein specified. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Millard F. Charles, who read the Warrant and the Constables' return thereon and acting under

Art. 1. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator by ballot.

Art. 2. To consider whether the Town will issue its bonds or notes in the sum of \$85,000 for providing funds for the erection of a new High School building, and to determine the time or times of payment of such bonds or notes and to take any other action relating thereto; such bonds or notes to be in line of the bonds or notes authorized for the said purpose by vote of the Town passed June 28, 1905.

Art. 2. On motion of James W. Killam, seconded by Henry R. Johnson, it was voted: That for the purpose of providing funds for the erection of a new High School building the Treasurer is hereby authorized from time to time under the direction of the Selectmen to borrow money and to issue the bonds or notes of the Town either or both therefor in the aggregate principal sum of \$85,000, bearing interest at a rate or rates not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, such bonds or notes to be payable in twenty installments, annually from their date of issue, at the rate of \$5000 each year for the five first years and \$4000 each year for the next 15 years, the said bonds or notes to be in lieu of the bonds or notes authorized for the said purpose by vote of the Town passed June 28, 1905.

The vote was taken by a rising vote; 27 voted in favor and none opposed.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

A true copy of record, attest:

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1905

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said November, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, Councillor for the Sixth District, Senator for the Sixth Middlesex District, two Representatives in the General Court of Massachusetts for Middlesex District Number twenty-eight, one County Commissioner, and one Register of Probate and Insolvency to fill vacancy.

The polls will be opened at six o'clock a. m. and may be closed at 4 o'clock p. m.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of October, A. D. 1905.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		of
HENRY R. JOHNSON,		Reading.

A true copy, attest :

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Constable.

ANNUAL STATE ELECTION, Nov. 7, 1905

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, a meeting was held at the time and place specified therein and was called to order by James W. Killam, the presiding Election Officer. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. H. Parker, and was followed by the reading of the warrant by the Town Clerk.

The following named election officers were appointed by the Selectmen and duly sworn by the presiding officer :

Ballot Clerks—George L. Pratt, William H. Perkins, Reuben J. Lefave.

Tellers—Edward S. Taylor, Chester MacDougall, James A. Freeman, Harry E. Cook, Clinton L. Newell, Chester C. Richardson, Alfred W. Danforth, Spencer G. Stewart, John H. Whelton, Charles I. Alger, William I. Ruggles, Henry M. Donegan, George E. Adams, John E. Connelly.

On motion of Arthur E. Roberts it was voted to close the polls at 4h. 25m. o'clock p. m. The ballot box was examined by the election officers and found empty. The register on the box registered 0000. The keys to the ballot box were delivered to John H. Orr, constable. No objection being made the votes were taken out at 9 o'clock a. m. and at various times during the day.

The polls were duly declared closed at 4h. 25m. o'clock p. m. The total number of ballots taken from the ballot box was 993 and the check lists showed that 993 persons had voted. The vote was declared with the following result, the ballots being counted, declared and sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk in open Town Meeting.

GOVERNOR

Charles W. Bartlett of Boston	271
James F. Carey of Haverhill	12
William H. Carroll of Boston	1
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston	669
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly	11
Blanks	29

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	3
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	607
Patrick Mahoney of Boston	10
John H. Smith of Dalton	11
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	315
Blanks	47

SECRETARY

Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	17
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham	17
Henry B. Little of Newburyport	166
William M. Olin of Boston	706
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	4
Blanks	83

TREASURER

Christopher D. Albro of Milford	12
David S. Brodeur of Brockton	17
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	718
Joao Claudino of New Bedford	5
Daniel F. Doherty of Westfield	147
Blanks	94

AUDITOR

Patrick J. Ashe of North Adams	148
Herbert B. Griffin of Boston	16
E. O. Fredrik Hansson of Medford	7
Ambrose Miles of Lynn	19
Henry E. Turner of Malden	697
Blanks	106

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	17
Henry C. Hess of Boston	6
John P. Leahy of Boston	160
Dana Malone of Greenfield	690
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	20
Blanks	99

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT

Alfred E. Cox of Malden	690
George W. Enwright of Lowell	170
Wilbur R. Hatch of Malden	19
Blanks	114

SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington	737
Patrick J. O'Brien of Lowell	157
Blanks	99

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

28th Middlesex District

George L. Flint of Reading	322
Winfield R. Lang of Woburn	145
Herbert S. Riley of Woburn	552
George A. Shackford of Reading	696
John F. Turner of Reading	1
Blanks	270

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX

Frederick Bancroft of Reading	279
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Levi S. Gould of Melrose	634
Blanks	80

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Alfred Belanger of Cambridge	159
William E. Rogers of Wakefield	722
Blanks	112

Amended record of vote cast Nov. 7, 1905, as recounted for Lieutenant Governor by the Board of Registrars on Nov. 11, 1905 :

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	3
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	608
Patrick Mahoney of Boston	10
John H. Smith of Dalton	11
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	314
Blanks	47

OWEN McKENNEY,	} Registrars of Voters
WALTER S. PRENTISS,	
GEORGE H. CLOUGH,	

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Clerk.

A true copy of record, attest :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

In accordance with the provisions of Section 257, Chapter 11, of the Revised Laws, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, being the City and Town Clerk of every City and Town in Representative District number twenty-eight within said County met at noon Friday, November seventeenth, 1905, being the tenth day succeeding the day of election, held November seventh, 1905, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office

of Representative, and determined therefrom that Herbert S. Riley of Woburn and George A. Shackford of Reading were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District, and the number of votes given for each person, viz :

George L. Flint of Reading, twelve hundred ninety-eight	1298
Winfield R. Lang of Woburn, thirteen hundred fifty-seven	1357
Herbert S. Riley of Woburn, fifteen hundred twelve	1512
George A. Shackford of Reading, fifteen hundred forty-one	1541
Scattering, one	1
Defective, eight	8
Blanks, ten hundred sixty-seven	1067
Whole number of ballots, sixty-seven hundred eighty-four	6784

In witness whereof, we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, hereunto set our hands this seventeenth day of November, A. D. 1905.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading :

Your Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS

In accordance with our recommendation in the last annual report the Town voted to purchase a steam road roller. The roller was bought for \$3000, of which amount \$800 was paid out of the appropriation for this year and the balance, \$2200, is to be paid in five yearly instalments from the highway appropriation. The roller has done its work well in every respect and has been of much service in building roads.

We have built this year the following pieces of macadam road: Ash street, near railroad crossing, for a distance of 800 feet, 15 feet wide and from 4 to 6 inches thick ; Woburn street, from Washington street to Temple street, a distance of 644 feet, 15 feet wide and from 4 to 6 inches thick ; Haven street, on the south side of street railway track, from Gould street to High street, a distance of 300 feet, the width being from 15 to 42 feet and the thickness from 8 to 12 inches. The material taken out of Haven street was used in rebuilding Harnden street. The broken stone used on Haven street and Woburn street was taken from that which was bought last year. The broken stone used on Ash street was obtained from the Killorin Contracting Co., which company also did the teaming, as very advantageous terms were made with them.

We recommend that the macadam work be continued as far as available funds will permit.

GROVE STREET

In accordance with a vote passed at the annual Town Meeting the street lines of Grove street were established, a portion of the street resurfaced, the street widened at the culvert and a sidewalk built on the east side from Lowell street to a point near Forest street.

PEARL STREET DRAINAGE

At a point near the Town Home we have, acting under vote passed, raised the grade of Pearl street so as to throw the water on either side into the gutters on Charles street, and it has relieved the situation at that place.

ORANGE STREET DRAIN

For several years water has collected on Orange street, between Spring street and Pierce street, and as the drainage was poor it has flooded the land south of Orange street in this section. We recommend the appropriation of \$200 in order that a catch basin may be built and a proper drain laid to take care of the water at this point.

ELEVATED TOWER AT THE MAIN AND ASH STREET CROSSING

As stated in our last report, we petitioned the Railroad Commissioners requesting them to have the conditions at the crossing made more safe. The Commissioners viewed the premises and their recommendation was to merge the streets at that point. The people in the immediate locality did not take kindly to this recommendation and at a Town Meeting held June 28, 1905, it was voted to relieve the Selectmen of further responsibility in this matter.

LAW SUIT AGAINST THE TOWN

The suit of the Middleton Paper Mills vs. Town of Reading has been settled out of Court.

PLAYGROUND

Acting under instructions received at the last annual meeting, we secured for another year the same playground. The conditions of the lease are the same as those of the previous years.

SURFACE DRAINAGE

This matter has demanded some attention for several years and it has been deemed expedient by your Board from time to time to open up and clean out portions of ditches which are natural water courses.

We feel that these water ways should be controlled by the Town, and recommend that the proper steps be taken in order that the Town may assume such control in the near future.

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

The brown tail moths had become so prevalent in our Town that considerable work was imperative, and at a Town Meeting held Jan. 30, 1905, one thousand dollars was raised and appropriated for the purpose of suppressing the moths. This was expended under the general direction of the Selectmen. Supt. of Streets L. W. Allen was placed in immediate charge of the work. The public trees were cleaned with this appropriation.

Acting under law passed in 1905, it became necessary to make another appropriation for this work, and at a Town Meeting held June 28, 1905, nine hundred and twenty-five dollars was raised and appropriated. This amount, together with the amount allowed by the State, has been expended. It was expended under the immediate direction of Local Supt. Geo. F. Sawyer. The public trees in a portion of the Town have been cleaned of brown tail nests, the gypsy moth nests have been painted and the bushes on the roadside cut for a considerable distance.

We invite your attention to the financial statements of the several departments which may be found in the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,		
HENRY R. JOHNSON,		

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$3,600 00
EXPENDED		
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	\$ 75 00	
J. W. Killam, salary Selectman and Over- seer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	300 00	
O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Over- seer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	250 00	
H. R. Johnson, salary Selectman and Over- seer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	250 00	
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1905	400 00	
E. F. Parker, Assessor, 1905	250 00	
J. H. Adden, Assessor, 1905	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Assessor, 1905	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board of Registrars, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	40 00	
M. F. Charles, Clerk of Finance Committee, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	25 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	30 00	
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	30 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,150 00	\$3,600 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,150 00	\$3,600 00
W. M. Scott, Registrar, Jan. 1, 1905, to April 30, 1905	10 00	
W. S. Kinsley, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Nov. 1, 1904, to July 31, 1905	58 50	
W. F. Cook, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905 .	75 00	
F. W. Willis, salary Electric Light Commissioner, March 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	62 50	
Geo. L. Flint, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1905, to Feb. 28, 1905	12 50	
H. R. Johnson, Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	75 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905 . . .	75 00	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902	4 01	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903	112 50	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904	181 12	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1905	423 00	
E. N. Hunt, Auditor, 1904	33 33	
Geo. H. Clough, Auditor, 1904	33 33	
A. P. Dane, Auditor, 1904	33 33	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1905	50 00	
C. H. Playdon, Board of Health, 1904 and 1905	50 00	
Geo. L. Flint, Board of Health, 1905 .	25 00	
Geo. L. Flint, Moderator, Jan. 30, 1905, March 6, 1905, June 28, 1905, Oct. 31, 1905	25 00	
Unexpended	35 88	
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	\$3,600 00	\$3,600 00

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation	\$400 00
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EXPENDED

Harley Prentiss, Postmaster, stamps . . .	\$15 00
A. R. Prentiss, acting Postmaster, stamps . .	5 00
C. W. Abbott, Postmaster, stamps . . .	5 00
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, 1905 . . .	195 75
Pemberton Law Stationery Co., supplies . .	1 25
Yawman & Erbe, supplies	60
Henry Meek Publishing Co., supplies . . .	2 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies	5 25
Murphy, Leavens & Co., supplies . . .	2 22
A. W. Danforth, supplies	4 38
Francis Bros., hardware	6 10
Cummings' Express, expressing . . .	40
J. W. Gleason, repairs and painting flag staff	8 00
George E. Gill, repairs	2 68
Annie Melonson, cleaning	2 00
Municipal Light Board, electric light and supplies	88 19
H. R. Johnson, repairs	13 27
Town Home, fuel	4 00
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	8 76
M. E. Nichols, setting glass	1 00
Charles E. Morse, supplies	32
C. M. Barrows, order book	12 75
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	76
F. W. Danforth, painting	7 25
Julia P. Ide, typewriting Town Warrant . .	4 00
W. A. Snow Iron Works, supplies	3 75
Unexpended	32

\$400 00	\$400 00
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PRINTING

Appropriation	\$700 00
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EXPENDED

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports, 1904	\$353 80	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports	30 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, miscellaneous printing	293 96	
Wakefield Daily Item, dog licenses, posters and Assessors' returns	5 75	
Unexpended	16 49	
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	\$700 00	\$700 00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Association, rent of Hall for caucuses, annual Town election, regis- tration of voters, and State election, 1905	\$72 00	
Masonic Hall Corp., rent of hall, Jan. 30 . .	8 00	
J. H. Orr, services at elections, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	5 50	
F. D. Merrill, services at election, Nov. 7, 1905	2 00	
Robert Powers, services at elections, March 6, 13, 16, 1905	4 75	
Chester W. McDougall, services at election, March 7, 1904	1 00	
Chester W. McDougall, teller, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$98 25	\$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$98 25	\$300 00
Geo. E. Adams, teller, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	10 00	
W. I. Ruggles, teller, Nov. 7, 1905 . . .	5 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, ballot clerk, Nov. 7, 1905 .	5 00	
W. H. Perkins, ballot clerk, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	10 00	
R. J. Lefave, ballot clerk, Nov. 7, 1905 .	5 00	
H. E. Eames, teller, March 6, 1905 . . .	5 00	
J. B. Champney, teller, March 6, 1905 . .	5 00	
Percy M. Smith, teller, March 6, 1905 . .	5 00	
J. S. Robinson, teller, March 6, 1905 . .	5 00	
H. M. Donegan, teller, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	10 00	
A. W. Danforth, teller, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	10 00	
C. C. Richardson, teller, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	10 00	
C. L. Newell, teller, March 6 and Nov. 7, 1905	10 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, teller, March 6, 1905 .	5 00	
J. A. Freeman, teller, Nov. 7, 1905 . . .	5 00	
C. I. Alger, teller, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
J. H. Whelton, teller, Nov. 7, 1905 . . .	5 00	
S. G. Stewart, teller, Nov. 7, 1905 . . .	5 00	
E. S. Taylor, teller, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
J. W. Killam, election officer, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, election officer, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
H. R. Johnson, election officer, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
Walter S. Prentiss, recounting votes Nov. 7 election, 1905	5 00	
Geo. H. Clough, recounting votes Nov. 7 election, 1905	5 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$248 25	\$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$248 25	\$300 00
O. McKenney, recounting votes Nov. 7 election, 1905	5 00	
M. F. Charles, recounting votes Nov. 7 election, 1905	5 00	
Wm. Quillen, labor on booths	1 20	
American Express, express on counting board	15	
Commonwealth of Mass., counting board	5 00	
F. A. Butters, labor on booths	6 38	
H. E. Cook, teller, Nov. 7, 1905	5 00	
J. C. Oxley, teller, March 6, 1905	5 00	
Unexpended	19 02	
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	\$300 00	\$300 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation \$1,200 00

EXPENDED

Janet C. Varney, supplies	\$48 00	
Susan M. Penney, supplies	72 00	
Charlotte A. Matthews, supplies	48 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft, fuel and groceries	124 25	
Francis E. Jennings, fuel and groceries	61 80	
Kate V. Norris, supplies	94 68	
B. F. McAllister, supplies	96 00	
Gertrude Champney, fuel	28 65	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, supplies	2 00	
Sarah A. Deadman, groceries	26 97	
Lydia Bryden, fuel	3 75	
Edwin Manning, nurse	28 00	
Unexpended	565 90	
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	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount received from Town of North	
Reading	\$60 00
Amount due from Town of North	
Reading	12 00

EXPENDED

Mrs. Fred C. McIntire, rent	\$72 00	
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	\$72 00	\$72 00

PAID ACCOUNT CITY OF MALDEN

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from City of Malden . .	\$1 45
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EXPENDED

Reuben Cox, medical attendance . . .	\$1 45	
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	\$1 45	\$1 45

BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of	
Massachusetts	\$70 00

EXPENDED

Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of		
Henry E. Ballou	\$35	00
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of		
R. Melissa Hollis	35	00
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	\$70	00
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DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$175 00
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EXPENDED

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$175 00	
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	\$175 00	\$175 00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS G. A. R. HALL

Appropriation	\$50 00
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EXPENDED

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$50 00	
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	\$50 00	\$50 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation	\$2,800 00
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EXPENDED

Wm. H. Baker	\$48 00	
Marietta Baker	48 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft	48 00	
Eben B. Bickford	6 00	
Martha H. A. Brown	16 00	
Lydia R. Bryden	48 00	
Emmons Buck	72 00	
Julia Buck	48 00	
Edmund Buxton	48 00	
Reuben R. Coates	48 00	
Bella Corrie	4 00	
John H. Corrie	48 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$482 00	\$2,800 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$482 00	\$2,800 00
Reuben Cox	18 00	
John Damon	48 00	
Ellen M. Damon	48 00	
Sarah A. Deadman	12 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	4 00	
Eliza DeRonde	4 00	
Harriet Dow	8 00	
Horace E. Eames	16 00	
Ida F. Flanders	48 00	
Chas. C. Frost	48 00	
Mary Gowing	48 00	
Jennie H. Gould	48 00	
Squire Holt	33 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
R. Melissa Hollis	44 00	
Wm. A. Hunter	48 00	
Merrill Hutchinson	48 00	
Wm. L. Jones	48 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	24 00	
Cora T. Marshall	40 00	
Sarah J. Mason	44 00	
Edwin Manning	28 00	
Mary McIntire	48 00	
Chas. W. Milbery	69 00	
Clarkson Parker	4 00	
Edmund B. Parker	48 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
Kate V. Norris	48 00	
Ansel Nickerson	72 00	
Susan H. Richardson	48 00	
Zeba M. Saunders	40 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,770 00</u>	<u>\$2,800 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,770 00	\$2,800 00
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Julia A. E. Smith	40 00	
Geo. Thayer	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Roxanna C. Underwood	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Geo. A. W. Vinall	72 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	60 00	
Josephine Watts	48 00	
Alfred B. Roots	28 00	
Sarah A. Roots	28 00	
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	\$2,286 00	\$2,800 00

MILITARY AID

Henry Batchelder (one-half to be paid by the Commonwealth)	\$ 33 00	
Unexpended	481 00	
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	\$2,800 00	\$2,800 00

ACCOUNT OF CHAS. L. HAAG

Due from Chas. L. Haag	\$67 60
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EXPENDED

Chas. L. Haag, supplies	\$67 60	
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	\$67 60	\$67 60

RENT OF PLAYGROUND

Appropriation	\$342 00
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EXPENDED

Kirk Sweetser, rent, Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	\$342 00	
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	\$342 00	\$342 00

HEATER FOR TOWN BUILDING

Appropriation		\$200 00
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EXPENDED

Thomas J. Whall, heater, and installing same	\$185 00	
American Express, expressing	1 50	
Unexpended	13 50	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

HENRY H. NOWELL CASE

COUNSEL FEE

Appropriation		\$200 00
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EXPENDED

Solon Bancroft, attorney	\$200 00	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation		\$150 00
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Appropriation, unexpended balance of		
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1904		62 78
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EXPENDED

Orne Green, labor	\$63 00	
Frank Lamprey, labor	4 28	
Geo. E. Gill, guard fence	7 34	
Stewart & Robertson, repairing seats . .	7 80	
Reading Water Works, water rates . .	12 00	
H. G. Stock, manure	28 00	
Reading Co-operative Ass'n, manure . .	12 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, manure and spreading		
same	69 00	
Hinkley Bros. & Co., rope for flag staff .	9 00	
Unexpended	36	
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	\$212 78	\$212 78

SWAN ESTATE

Amount received for rent		\$108 00	
EXPENDED			
Repairs, water rates, etc.	\$27 41		
Net income	80 59		
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		\$108 00	\$108 00

BAND CONCERTS

Appropriation		\$100 00	
EXPENDED			
Fred Wallace, Mgr., expense of band	\$100 00		
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		\$100 00	\$100 00

READING HOME FOR AGED WOMEN

Appropriation		\$75 00	
EXPENDED			
Reading H. A. W., cash, electric lights and water rates, 1905	\$75 00		
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		\$75 00	\$75 00

READING WATER WORKS

Appropriation		\$5,720 00	
Amount raised by taxation		7,000 00	
EXPENDED			
Reading Water Works, hydrant rentals	\$4,920 00		
Reading Water Works, street sprinkler	500 00		
Reading Water Works, drinking fountains	300 00		
Edward F. Parker, Treas., reduction of water loan, water bonds 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 165, 166	7,000 00		
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		\$12,720 00	\$12,720 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

Appropriation	\$7,590 00
Amount raised by taxation . . .	2,000 00
Amount received from Municipal Light Board	1,400 00

EXPENDED

Municipal Light Board, arc lights . . .	\$6,500 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him . .	1,400 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., bonds Nos. 11 and 12, issue 1904, paid by him	2,000 00	
Unexpended	1,090 00	
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	\$10,990 00	\$10,990 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Appropriation	\$1,160 00
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EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., coupon 1904 paid by him	\$ 20 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., coupon 1905 paid by him	1,160 00	
Overdrawn		20 00
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	\$1,180 00	\$1,180 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation	\$482 50
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EXPENDED

J. A. Howard	\$162 50	
State Treasurer	280 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by him	40 00	
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	\$482 50	\$482 50

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTE

Amount received from loan	.	.	\$2,000 00
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EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him	.	\$2,000 00	
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		\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00

SCHOOL HOUSE BOND

Amount raised by taxation	.	.	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., bond No. 12, issue Aug. 1, 1895	.	.	\$1,000 00	
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		\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Amount raised by loan	.	.	\$40,000 00
Amount received from material sold	.		17 45

EXPENDED

H. P. Cummings Co., Contractors	.	\$24,349 71	
Adden & Parker, Architects	.	2,888 96	
E. F. Parker, Treas., printing and legal expenses on bond issue	.	106 25	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying	.	57 75	
Geo. E. Horrocks, auctioneering	.	10 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	.	2 00	
F. O. Clark Eng. Co., engraving	.	6 90	
Melville A. Stone, travelling expenses for Committee	.	15 64	
H. R. Johnson, travelling expenses for Committee	.	20 30	
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Amount carried forward		\$27,457 51	\$40,017 45

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$27,457 51	\$40,017 45
Geo. A. Shackford, labor and teams	287 75	
E. C. Hanscom, labor and teams	122 34	
S. W. Bowker, labor and teams	44 50	
M. J. Forbes, labor and teams	2 40	
A. Michelini, labor	7 00	
Unexpended	12,095 95	
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	\$40,017 45	\$40,017 45

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$900 00
Amount received from First National Bank on deposits	150 20
Amount received from accrued interest on High School Building notes	190 08
Amount received from discount on Steam Road Roller	260 00
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903	959 75
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904	1,027 26
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1905	122 74

EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans	\$2,223 85	
Interest on Haven and Main Street Notes	80 00	
Discount on Steam Road Roller Notes	227 50	
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y, interest on Cemetery bequest funds	368 50	
Unexpended	710 18	
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	\$3,610 03	\$3,610 03

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation		\$600 00	
EXPENDED			
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903	\$484 58		
“ “ “ 1904	95 00		
“ “ “ 1905	20 20		
Unexpended	22		
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	\$600 00		\$600 00

TAXES ON PROPERTY TAKEN BY THE TOWN

(NO APPROPRIATION)

Amount received from taxes refunded		\$111 48	
Amount received from interest . . .		2 73	
EXPENDED			
H. M. Viall, Collector taxes	\$285 13		
Amount due		170 92	
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	\$285 13		\$285 13

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Received from auctioneers' licenses .	2 00	
Received from carriage licenses .	4 00	
Received from junk dealers' licenses .	50 00	
Received from fees sealing weights, measures, etc.	26 28	
Received from sale of junk	20	
Received from work on trees . . .	50	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,082 98	

Amount brought forward

\$1,082 98

EXPENDED

C. H. Playdon, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, 1904	\$125 00
C. H. Playdon, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, 1905	125 00
M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths, clerical work and stationery	101 96
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee	25 00
J. H. Adden, investigating records . . .	25 00
E. F. Parker, miscellaneous expenses as Treasurer	3 17
H. M. Viall, recording affidavit of tax sales	2 34
H. M. Viall, postage	105 40
H. M. Viall, expense in connection with tax sales	44 13
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., birth return books	1 63
Geo. F. Dow, reporting births	17 25
Mrs. L. Porter, reporting births	1 00
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths . . .	12 25
Labor on ditches	164 84
Thos. Groom & Co., Treasurer's record book	11 00
Thos. J. Russell, Collector's notices . . .	1 75
A. P. Brooks, photograph of Ash st. crossing	50
E. C. Metcalf, Johnson pumps	17 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., blanks for Collector	4 05
Adden & Parker, tracing and blueprints for Assessors	5 35
Mrs. J. S. Bond, repairing flag	7 00
Samuel Brown, street signs	2 75
F. A. Butters, ringing bell and labor at band stand	1 85

Amount carried forward

\$805 22

1,082 98

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$805 22	\$1,082 98
Am. Express, expressing	50	
Ida R. Whittier, clerical services for Assessors	16 50	
George D. Putnam, forest fires	3 00	
Lyman Abbott, forest fires	1 25	
George A. Shackford, street signs	2 00	
George A. Shackford, carriage hire for Assessors	1 50	
Jas. A. Bancroft, miscellaneous surveying	13 25	
Lyceum Hall Association, rent of hall	7 00	
W. C. Smith, Supt., distributing Town Reports, 1904	10 00	
F. W. Parker, salary Sealer Weights and Measures	75 00	
F. W. Parker, miscellaneous expenses	17 80	
Miss M. E. Vermille, copying lists of jurors	1 50	
Old South M. E. Church Society, care of clock	50 00	
James W. Killam, State Aid examination	3 00	
Jas. W. Killam, advertising reward for break	5 00	
Stewart & Robertson, trough and platform for pump, West street	12 78	
T. C. Fife, repairing pump	4 00	
F. W. Moulton, ringing bell	1 00	
F. W. Danforth, painting street signs	12 44	
Story, Thorndike, Palmer & Thayer, legal services on High School House bonds	40 00	
Unexpended	24	
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	\$1,082 98	\$1,082 98

STREET DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Appropriation for Grove street	75 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	3,998 03
Amount received from State Treasurer	41 22
Amount received from material sold	18 95
Amount received for bill overpaid	3 50
Amount due from Massachusetts High- way Commission	401 67
Amount due from Boston & Northern Street Railway	299 62

EXPENDED

Labor and teams, 1903	\$ 27 50
Labor and teams, 1904	12 00
Labor and teams, 1905	2,309 26
Labor	2,934 30
Gravel	101 92
Reading Co-Operative Association, supplies	3 90
W. H. Mears, supplies	3 10
W. F. Cook, supplies	30
F. O. Dewey Co., supplies	75
American Power Mills, supplies	41 45
Harold L. Bond, supplies	28 88

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$5,463 36	\$7,837 90
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,463 36	\$7,837 99
F. Wallace, supplies	8 52	
Jas. E. Turner, supplies	1 05	
Geo. H. Atkinson, supplies	3 83	
Nathan Bancroft Est., supplies	23 45	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	26 86	
Good Roads Machinery Co., repairs	1 40	
Samuel Brown, repairs	7 65	
R. C. Totten, repairs	9 23	
J. A. Blunt, repairs	10 78	
T. C. Fife, repairs	2 00	
L. W. Allen, supplies and miscellaneous ex- penses	2 76	
H. R. Johnson, lumber and supplies	3 51	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies	61 46	
Waldo Bros., drain pipe	1 19	
Municipal Light Board, supplies	55 12	
R. J. Lefave, carpentering	21 84	
Cummings' Express, expressing	1 20	
Geo. E. Gill, repairs on tool house and shed for steam roller and road machine	248 43	
A. B. Day, painting tool house	10 00	
Reading Water Works, iron fence for Grove street	73 60	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying	22 35	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	21 72	
Puritan Iron Works, catch basin covers	24 50	
Killorin Contracting Co., crushed stone	405 24	
Francis Bros., supplies	48 93	
C. W. Perkins, rent of stable	12 00	
Amount voted to be paid account of steam roller	400 00	
L. W. Allen, salary Supt. of Streets, 1905	832 58	
Mass. Broken Stone Co., crushed stone	33 43	
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	\$7,837 99	\$7,837 99

STREET SPRINKLING

Appropriation	\$450 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	1 58

EXPENDED

Herbert G. Stock, labor and use of horses	\$405 92	
Merrill Hutchinson, painting watering cart	25 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	2 95	
Abbot-Downing Co., repairs	13 21	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	4 50	
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	\$451 58	\$451 58

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

Appropriation	\$800 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	159 89

EXPENDED

Labor and teams	\$511 08	
Labor	384 71	
W. F. Wheeler, adjustable snow plow	55 00	
F. Wallace, supplies	4 10	
Samuel Brown, repairs	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	3 50	
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	\$959 89	\$959 89

REPAIRS OF CONCRETE

Appropriation	\$350 00
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EXPENDED

Killorin Contracting Co.	\$291 16	
Jas. A. Bancroft, measuring concrete	1 75	
Unexpended	57 09	
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	\$350 00	\$350 00

PEARL STREET DRAINAGE

Appropriation		\$750 00
EXPENDED		
Labor	\$158 53	
Labor and teams	150 00	
Gravel	16 92	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., drain pipe	8 39	
Puritan Iron Works, catch basin cover	12 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying	3 75	
Amount paid account of Steam Road Roller	400 00	
Unexpended	41	
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	\$750 00	\$750 00

STEAM ROAD ROLLER

Amount raised by loan	\$2,200 00
Amount taken from Highway Account	400 00
Amount taken from Pearl street drainage account	400 00
EXPENDED	
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., Steam Road Roller	\$3,000 00
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	\$3,000 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF
STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance	\$ 116 11
Amount received from excise tax 1905	2,193 93
Amount received from franchise tax 1905	1,933 43
EXPENDED	
Account highways	\$3,998 03
Account snow and ice	159 89
Account street sprinkling	1 58
Unexpended	83 97
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	\$4,243 47
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	\$4,243 47

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDED

Labor	\$930 06
A. Chandler Manning, services Tree Warden	25 00
Francis Bros., supplies	18 51
Frederick Wallace, supplies	2 23
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	1 10
Unexpended	23 10

	<u>\$1,000 00</u>	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
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MOTH APPROPRIATION, STATE LAW

Appropriation	\$922 69
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Amount received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,387 91
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Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	24 05
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EXPENDED

Labor	\$2,107 07
J. A. Blunt, repairs	6 28
Geo. F. Sawyer, local Supt., expenses	1 80
J. J. Cameron, safety belts	8 25
Bowker Insecticide Co., creosote	24 05
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., supplies	60
Boston Optical Co., field glasses	2 44
A. R. Prentiss, acting Postmaster, postage	19 04
F. Wallace, supplies	75
Cummings' Express, expressing	1 00
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	8 25
Francis Bros., supplies	130 44
H. L. Frost & Co., supplies	24 68

	<u>\$2,334 65</u>	<u>\$2,334 65</u>
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and five.

During the year the Department has responded to 37 bell alarms.

The Department consists of

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen.

Hook and Ladder No. 1, twelve men.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, twelve men, Woburn street.

Hose No. 3, seven men, North Main street.

Hose No. 4, seven men, Hopkins street.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Forest street, at C. W. C. Trask's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Supt. of the Fire Alarm and the system is in good condition.

The storage battery will have been in use three years the first of June and provision must be made for its renewal this year.

At the request of the Reading Rubber Mills we have removed the whistle from their plant, and have relocated it on the plant of the Electric Light Co. by permission of the Electric Light Commissioners.

We have, by vote of the Town, located a new fire alarm box, No. 38, on North Main street, near the corner of Forest street.

We have, by vote of the Town, purchased 1000 feet of new hose.

We have, by vote of the Town, purchased a life-saving apparatus, which is carried at all times on the Hook and Ladder truck.

The Department held its fourth annual Field Day on Wednesday, Sept. 20. After the usual parade the following exhibitions were given on South Main street. The Hook and Ladder ran 1000 feet and raised the Somerville extension ladder in 1 minute and 24 seconds.

Rules of the hose exhibitions: Start from pistol shot, run to and stop at white flag (distance 1000 feet), pull off 100 feet of hose, connect with hydrant, break coupling, attach pipe, carry hose up ladder, pipe to rest on the top round with water through pipe.

Time: Hose 1—1 minute, 30 seconds; Hose 2—1 minute, 27 1-2 seconds; Hose 3—1 minute, 10 1-2 seconds; Hose 4—1 minute 24 1-2 seconds.

An exhibition of the life-saving net was given by members of the Department who jumped from the second and third story windows into the net held by other members of the Department. This proved to be one of the most interesting features of the day, as very few of those present had ever seen an exhibition of this kind.

We feel that the day was the most successful of any which have been held by the Department, and we wish to thank the citizens, the members of the Department, the drivers, and the Supt. of Water Works for the interest taken in making the day a success, and also the traders and the Supt. of Schools for their courtesy in closing the stores and schools on that day.

We would recommend that the Town purchase coats for the Department this year, as the coats now in use have been in use 14 or 15 years and are now beyond repair.

The buildings and apparatus are all in good condition and will require no special outlay this year.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who have in any way assisted the Department the past

year, and especially the Reading Rubber Mills for the free use of steam for the fire whistle, and the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company for the free use of their current for charging the storage battery.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, Chief Engineer,
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Ass't Engineer,
GEO. L. PRATT, Sec'y,

Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Dept.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1905

Date	Box	Time	Owner	Occupants	Loss on Building	Ins. on Building	Ins. Paid	Loss on Cont's	Ins. on Cont's	Ins. Paid	Cause
March 31	26	3:45 p m									
" "	45	4:10 p m									Burning Grass.....
" "	45	4:55 p m									Burning Grass, still alarm
April 1	3	2:45 p m									Burning Grass.....
" 3	15	3:16 p m									Burning Grass.....
" 5	62	5:50 a m									Burning Grass.....
" "											Cigar or Cigarette.....
" 8	45	10:55 a m									
" 8	33	4:15 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 9	28	12:30 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 10	29	11:25 a m									Brush Fire.....
" 14	27	12:05 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 14	24	12:20 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 14	15	12:50 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 15	15	9:04 p m									Burning Grass.....
" 17	24	10:17 a m									Brush Fire.....
" 18	33	10:20 a m									Brush Fire.....
" 19	32	1:48 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 21	45	3:46 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 24	33	10:16 a m									Brush Fire.....
" 24	27	1:51 p m									Brush Fire.....
" 24	68	5:40 p m									Burning Rubbish.....
" 29	36	12:36 p m									Brush Fire.....
May 5	45	3:40 p m									Burning Grass.....
" 17	62	1:45 a m	Herbert Nelson.....		893 00	2000 00	893 00	Total	None	None	No Alarm in Reading.....
" 25	67	4:25 p m	G. H. Atkinson.....		2000 00	1200 00	1200 00	2500 00	1700 00	1700 00	Unknown.....
" 28	3	4:02 p m	Chas. Buck.....								Defective Fuse.....
June 3	28	4:02 p m									Brush Fire.....
July 3	45	9:50 p m									False Alarm.....
" 4	39	2:25 a m									False Alarm.....
" 28											Open Circuit.....
Aug. 7	68	10:15 a m									Gasolene.....
" 14	35	9:37 a m	Geo. Lampro.....								False Alarm.....
Oct. 4	18	4:48 p m	E. L. Chamberlain and C. W. Perkins.....		None	1800 00	233 50	None	1500	None	Children and Matenes. Unknown.....
" 12	62	10:15 p m	F. W. Wright, Ridlon Bros. and C. W. Perkins.....		233 50						
" 17	17	9:28 a m	Wm. Proctor Estate.....		53 00	1000 00	53 00	None	None	None	Sparks from Chimney.....
" 20	16	7:55 p m	Nora Desmond.....								Chimney Fire.....
Nov. 21	16	6:15 p m	Lillian Whitefield.....		150 00	100 00	100 00	Total	None	None	Unknown.....
" 24	45	6:14 p m									Burning Grass.....
" 25	33	1:20 p m									False Alarm.....

The Department has travelled 404 miles. Laid 11,550 feet of Hose. Used 311 feet of Ladders. Used 24 gallons of chemicals. Served 34 hours.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$5,200 00
Amount received from sale of material	34 24

EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary, Chief Engineer, 1905	\$75 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, salary, Engineer, 1905 .	60 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, clerk of Board, and postage to April 30, 1905	6 65	
O. O. Ordway, salary engineer, 1905 .	60 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	7 35	
L. T. Eames, salary engineer Steamer 1, 1905	75 00	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . . .	5 04	
M. J. Shannon, salary asst. engineer Steamer 1, Sept. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1905 .	66 67	
W. H. Bancroft, steward Hose 2, 1905 .	67 00	
David Weston, steward Hose 4, June 1 to Dec. 31, 1905	47 50	
Parker Nichols, steward Hose 3, 1905 .	30 00	
Parker Nichols, horse service, 1905 . .	70 00	
E. H. Crowe, steward H. and L. No. 1, 1905	60 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, horse service, 1905 .	504 00	
J. F. Buel, brake shoes	10 00	
Boston Coupling Co., supplies	28 50	
Jas. M. Baker, supplies	6 00	
E. L. Chamberlain, supplies	36	
J. J. Cameron, repairs	13 05	
C. L. Martin, coal	9 20	
Francis Bros., supplies	3 42	
C. S. Knowles, supplies	1 50	
F. Wallace, supplies	20 20	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel and supplies .	37 75	
W. B. Badger, supplies	20 50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,284 69	<hr/> \$5,234 24

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,284 69	\$5,234 24
F. A. Butters, labor and supplies . . .	4 00	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., supplies . . .	5 65	
H. K. Barnes, supplies	75	
J. A. Doucette, labor	1 50	
Hugh A. Eames, labor	25	
American Express, expressing	50	
Cummings' Express, expressing . . .	14 47	
R. D. Clapp, repairs	35	
E. P. Bancroft, horse service	100 00	
H. G. Stock, horse service	150 00	
Chas. J. Haag, care of hose and labor .	41 92	
W. A. Allen, use of pump	4 25	
W. H. Wightman, insurance	23 00	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, kindling wood .	2 00	
Reading Water Works, water rates, 1905 .	12 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric lights and supplies	49 18	
E. J. Roundy, horse service	2 50	
F. W. Danforth, lettering firemen's coats .	1 00	
Jason Zwicker, labor	5 00	
Field Day expenses	100 00	
Franklin Rubber Co., rubber coats . .	20 50	
Firemen's pay roll from May 1st, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1905	2,879 35	
Walter F. Cook, painting and supplies .	4 00	
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	\$4,706 86	

FIRE ALARM

EXPENDED

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. fire alarm, 1905	\$ 99 99
L. T. Eames, labor, material and car fare .	135 70

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$4,942 55	\$5,234 24

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$4,942 55	\$5,234 24
J. W. Gleason, labor	37 22	
J. W. Sias, labor	7 50	
F. G. Nichols, labor	3 75	
H. F. Haag, labor	10 00	
Morrison Merrill, labor	5 00	
Francis B. Hunt, labor	2 09	
H. G. Stock, labor	1 75	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	34 50	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies	11 23	
Boston Coupling Co., supplies	75	
Harry Walters, supplies	28 00	
Pettingell, Andrews Co., supplies	1 39	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., supplies	39 50	
Municipal Light Board, supplies	1 39	
Boston Lumber Co., poles	18 00	
T. C. Fife, labor and material moving whistle	76 84	
Francis Bros., supplies	5 52	
Cummings' Express, expressing	1 75	
Braman, Dow & Co., supplies	2 48	
Unexpended	3 03	
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	\$5,234 24	\$5,234 24

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE

Appropriation	\$550 00	
EXPENDED		
Cornelius Callahan, hose	\$272 66	
Boston Coupling Co., hose	275 00	
Unexpended	2 34	
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	\$550 00	\$550 00

LIFE SAVING APPARATUS

Appropriation (unexpended balance 1904)		\$87 98
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EXPENDED

Boston Coupling Co.	\$75 00	
Unexpended	12 98	
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	\$87 98	\$87 98

FIRE ALARM BOX NO. 38

Appropriation	\$50 00
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EXPENDED

Geo. M. Stevens Co. (Inc.) fire alarm box and keys	\$41 00	
Labor installing same	7 25	
Unexpended	1 75	
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	\$50 00	\$50 00

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation	\$150 00
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EXPENDED

Labor	\$144 31	
Labor and teams	3 00	
M. E. Nichols, painting cans	1 43	
Henry E. Wright & Sons, cans	15 00	
J. N. Weston, salary year ending April 30, 1905	15 00	
W. A. Bancroft, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1905	15 00	
C. W. C. Trask, salary year ending Dec. 31, 1905	15 00	
H. E. McIntire, salary May 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	10 00	
Overdrawn		68 74
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	\$218 74	\$218 74

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

READING, JAN. 1, 1906.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department :

I submit the following report :

There has been added to the Fire Alarm System during the year—one ten inch Tapper in Central Fire Station. Box 62 has been replaced by a keyless box. The old box 62 has been changed to box 38 and located at the corner of Main and Forest streets.

The Steam Fire Gong has been removed from the Reading Rubber Mills and placed on the Municipal Light Plant. The Storage Battery which has been in commission three years has not been of any expense to the town during that time.

The elements will have to be replaced this year. Owing to the day circuit of the Electric Light some of the old bare wire should be replaced by insulated for the good of the Fire Alarm and safety of the public.

LOCATION OF BOXES.

- 13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.
- 15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- 16—Main St., near South.
- 17—Prescott St., near Arlington.
- 18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.
- 22—No session, High School House.
- 23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.

- 24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.
- 25—Prospect St., near King.
- 26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
- 27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.
- 28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.
- 29—Corner of West and King Sts.
- 32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
- 33—Lowell St., Eastern Rubber Co. Works.
- 34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.
- 35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
- 36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
- 37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
- 38—Corner of Main and Forest Sts.
- 39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
- 41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
- 42—Corner of John and Haven Sts.
- 44—Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
- 45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
- 46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
- 47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
- 55—Reading Rubber Mills.
- 61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
- 62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
- 63—Congregational Church.
- 64—Central Fire Station.
- 65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
- 67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.
- 68—Corner of Gould and Haven Sts.

LEONARD T. EAMES,

Supt. Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

READING, MASS., JAN. 1, 1906.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report of the doings of your Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1905. The Department at present consists of

Chief—Frederic D. Merrill.

Patrolmen—J. Henry Orr and William H. Manning.

Reserves—Robert Powers, William J. Allen, Jason Zwicker, Asa Parker, Frank A. Butters, Jeremiah J. Cullinane, Samuel Brown, Reuben J. LeFave, John W. Saunders, Herbert G. Stock, Eugene L. Lovejoy, Clement Gleason, J. Mande Doucette, Arthur E. Davis.

Keeper of Lockup—Frederic D. Merrill.

Number of arrests for the year 112

ARRESTS BY MONTHS

January 3	July 11
February 6	August 8
March 3	September 10
April 3	October 15
May 27	November 8
June 10	December 8

Residents, 39, non-residents, 73 ; American born, 79, foreign born, 33 ; males, 103, females, 9 ; adults, 104, minors, 8.

CAUSES OF ARRESTS

Adultery	1
Breaking and entering	2
Cruelty to animals	4
Drunkenness	42
Disorderly house	1
Contempt of court	1
Violation speed law	27
Evading car fare	1
False pretence	1
Larceny	5
Non-support	1
Neglected children	3
Insane	5
Peddling without license	6
Kindling bon-fire	2
Suspect	1
Trespass	1
Tampering with fire alarm	2
Vagrancy	3
Violation of probation	1
Safe keeping	1
Walking on railroad	1

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

Accidents reported	10
Complaints received	52
Cases investigated	67
Dogs killed	13
Disturbances quelled	14
Dead bodies cared for	1
Defective gas pipes	1
Defective water pipes	2
Defective light wires	4
Defective streets and sidewalks	6
Fire alarms given	1

Fires extinguished without an alarm	1
Horses found cast	22
Houses reported vacant	5
Injured persons assisted	4
Lost children restored	3
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	16
Officers in court, days	161
Officers at fires	26
Places of business found open	232
Requests for police	17
Runaway boys found and returned home	6
Persons reported missing	1
Stray teams and horses cared for	5

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fines imposed	53
Amount of fines paid	\$362
Committed for non-payment	1
Sentenced to House of Correction	10
Sentenced to State Farm	2
Committed to State Hospital	3
Placed on file	17
Released	9
Discharged	3
Carried to Superior Court	4
Turned over to other officers	4
Committed to State Board of Charities	3

Total of sentences, 1 year, 7 months, 25 days

Number of tramps, 61 ; number of lodgers, not tramps, 8.

Five of the eight were men who were left over from last cars, and not having sufficient funds to pay for a night's lodging were put up at the station. The other three were put in court for vagrancy and sentenced.

We are not putting up any more tramps, but when one asks for a night's lodging he is told that he will be taken to court and sent away, and he invariably goes his way.

I shall again ask for an increase in the force, and request that you call for the sum of forty-five (\$4,500) hundred dollars to provide for two more men, one for night and one day patrol. The incident that occurred on the morning of Dec. 9 should be a sufficient argument in its favor.

Perfect harmony has prevailed in the department during the past year, each doing all in his power for the preservation of good order and enforcement of the laws of this Commonwealth. To them and to your honorable board I return my sincere thanks for the cordial support given me the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

Chief of Police.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,800 00
Amount received from 4th District court fines	362 00
Amount received for Police duty, pri- vate parties	10 00
Amount received from County Treas- urer for transportation of patients	32 00

EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, Chief, salary, 1905 . . .	\$860 50
Wm. H. Manning, salary, 1905 . . .	808 50
Wm. H. Manning, special duty . . .	1 00
J. H. Orr, salary, 1905 . . .	808 50
J. H. Orr, special duty . . .	2 72
Robert Powers, special duty . . .	188 80
J. W. Saunders, special duty . . .	74 97
W. J. Allen, special duty . . .	54 50
F. A. Butters, special duty . . .	3 39
Asa Parker, special duty . . .	2 00
J. A. LeFave, special duty . . .	1 75
W. A. Bancroft, special duty, 1902 . . .	2 00
W. A. Bancroft, special duty, 1903 . . .	3 75
Mollie Lamprey, matron duty . . .	2 00
F. H. Martin, meals for prisoners 1904 and 1905	27 50
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel . . .	19 50
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., directory . .	2 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,863 38	\$3,204 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,863 38	\$3,204 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rent	90 79	
Raphael Masstrangrulo, plating badges	1 50	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire	5 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, carriage hire	11 00	
J. W. Gleason, labor	5 50	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., badges	5 25	
Oak Hall Clothing Co., supplies	8 00	
Wm. Read & Sons, revolvers and supplies	26 70	
Cummings' Express, expressing	1 25	
W. C. Taylor, straps for clubs	1 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	7 75	
Francis Bros., supplies	7 65	
L. W. Thompson, supplies	2 10	
Newton Graphic Publishing Co., auto reg- ister	1 00	
Special police, July 3 and 4	110 70	
L. T. Eames, labor and material for signal bells	14 08	
W. F. Chisholm, ladder	5 00	
J. P. Feeney, legal services	15 00	
Wm. Hall & Co., keys	2 50	
A. P. Brooks, photo copies	1 00	
A. R. Prentiss, acting P. M., postage	1 06	
J. J. Cameron, club straps and supplies	2 05	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying	3 00	
Jas. E. Turner, clubs	2 25	
Unexpended	9 49	
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	\$3,204 00	\$3,204 00

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herein submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

The slaughtering done in the Town has advanced to a remarkable degree, the number of cattle killed during the year being far in excess of last year.

The inspection of cattle has been carefully carried on, and where contagious diseases were found they were dealt with according to the statutes of the Commonwealth.

I am pleased to state that not only in our Town but in the State as a whole both tuberculosis, glanders and farcy are growing less prevalent, and appear through the careful supervision of Dr. Peters, Chief of the Cattle Bureau, to be kept under control.

I wish to thank the people for the hearty cooperation received and for their promptness in reporting any cases of a suspicious nature.

Yours very truly,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.,

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

	CORRECT	ADJ.	C. D.	TOTAL
No. of scales over 5000 lbs.	2	1		3
" " scales under 5000 lbs.	4	9		13
" " small scales	40	11		51
" " pan scales	11	1		12
" " computing scales	7	1		8
" " family scales	4	1		5
" " ice scales	5			5
" " weights	213	18		231
" " balances	3		1	4
" " milk measures	13			13
" " wet measures	34			34
" " dry measures	52		1	53
" " yard sticks	13			13
" " steel yards		3		3
" " bottles	9227		575	9802

Money received for sealing, \$26.28.

I have in my possession one set of brass scales and weights, one set of copper wine measures, one nest of dry measures, ten 50-lb. iron weights, one 10-lb. and one 5-lb. weight, one set of numbers from 0 to 9, three letters, R. and C. D., one glass cutter, all in good condition.

I think the salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures should be increased to \$100 per annum.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. PARKER,

S. of W. and M.

TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

JANUARY 1, 1906.

To the Selectmen of Reading:

GENTLEMEN:—The appropriation for Laurel Hill Cemetery has been expended largely in the general care of the cemetery.

We have been able also to do some special work which has seemed necessary. Alterations have been made in the tomb, increasing its capacity; new iron gates have been erected at the Main street entrance; three lots and twenty-seven graves have been laid out and dug over.

If it is the wish to maintain the Cemetery as at present, and from observations by townspeople we are certain that they feel a proper pride and desire it so, it will be necessary to appropriate the same sum as in the past few years (\$900 and the proceeds from sale of lots).

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. DANFORTH, Supt.

For the Trustees.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation	\$900 00
Unexpended balance, 1904 . . .	85 77
Interest on Cemetery bequests, 1905 .	368 50
Amount received from sale of lots and graves	600 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,954 27

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,954 27
Amount received from grading lot of Reading H. A. W.	25 00

EXPENDED

Labor and teams	\$ 267 75	
Labor	1,272 96	
F. Wallace, supplies	4 75	
Francis Bros., supplies	2 70	
Jason Zwicker, supplies	4 07	
M. D. Jones Co., supplies	12 50	
T. C. Fife, supplies	5 24	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies	4 89	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	11 00	
A. W. Danforth, supplies	2 50	
A. W. Danforth, Supt., salary	75 00	
Standard Fertilizer Co., fertilizer	32 50	
J. Woodward Manning, shrubs	10 50	
H. R. Johnson, labor and material	4 51	
J. N. Weston, plants, shrubs and flowers	104 25	
Reading Water Works, labor and supplies	17 28	
E. T. Barnum, iron gates	65 50	
W. B. Jeffrey, labor and material on receiving tomb	16 95	
John Muse, teaming and setting curb stones	6 79	
Killorin Contracting Co., concreting	13 44	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	5 95	
Unexpended	38 24	
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	\$1,979 27	\$1,979 27

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Health herewith presents its report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Whole number of deaths	.	.	.	.	.	.	79
Cases of contagious diseases	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Deaths from contagious diseases	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Diphtheria	4	Measles	4				
Scarlet fever	6	Typhoid fever	3				
		Total	17				

Deaths by months:

January	5	July	8
February	11	August	6
March	5	September	6
April	12	October	5
May	3	November	4
June	6	December	8

Permits to do plumbing granted	.	.	.	.	.	84
Permits to lay drains granted	.	.	.	.	.	66
Legal notices sent	.	.	.	.	.	7
Number of fumigations	.	.	.	.	.	23

This year, as in the past, the Board has endeavored to carry out the work of improvement of the Town's sanitary condition. Having that object in view, our efforts have been rewarded in a measure by a decrease in the number of contagious diseases reported to the Board of Health, which have been less than in previous years.

The Board has been in favor of the medical supervision of the schools for a long time, and hope that it may be brought about soon.

We also believe the Town should provide for the inspection of milk, as we feel that milk is a great factor in spreading disease among children. A regular inspection of the premises of milk dealers should be instituted in the near future.

Now that provision has been made for the High School, we hope that no other important improvement will appear to displace the line of patient waiters for sewerage. While we have no right to make specific mention of estates in dire need of an opportunity to connect with the sewer, it is nevertheless a fact that there are such estates, and it is also a fact that there are others which, though they may be well cared for by cesspools, their owners would be subjected to less expense if the sewer went through the street and the estate connected therewith. It is to be hoped that our finances will soon reach a condition such that the time can be conscientiously considered right for this important improvement, and before we find ourselves in the midst of an epidemic of diphtheria or typhoid fever.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PLAYDON, M. D. V., Ch.,

GEORGE L. FLINT,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Sec'y,

Board of Health.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	\$600 00
Cash refunded	.	.	.	.	.	6 35
<i>Amount carried forward</i>						<hr/> \$606 35

Amount brought forward

\$606 35

EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary Inspector of Plumbing	\$300 00	
G. S. Tukey, fumigating	9 00	
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., salary Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Meats and Pro- visions, 1904 and 1905	100 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric lights Dec. 1, 1904, to Nov. 30, 1905	64 27	
Lyceum Hall Association, rent to Nov. 30, 1905	100 00	
J. C. Oxley, disinfectant	37 20	
State Board of Health, culture outfits	4 00	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., medical services	3 00	
J. W. Sias, labor on moths	21 25	
American Express, expressing	1 60	
Cummings' Express, expressing	2 85	
Winchester's Tar Disinfectant Co., disinfec- tant	7 25	
F. D. Merrill, supplies	81	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., supplies	77	
Geo. E. Pierce, disinfectant	8 75	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	2 00	
W. H. Willis, supplies	25	
Overdrawn		56 65
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	\$663 00	\$663 00

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in my department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

Applications filed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	84
Left over	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Cancelled	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Calls made	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	209
Water closets set	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Bath tubs set	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Bowls set	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Sinks set	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Trays set	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Alterations	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Repairs	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Ice Chests	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Grease traps	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Shower baths	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

I thank the Secretary, the Board, and the members of the craft, for their kind co-operation.

Respectfully rendered,

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY.

Reading, Jan. 1, 1906.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

GENTLEMEN :—I submit herewith my report as Tree Warden for the year 1905, first thanking you for the assistance and co-operation I have received at your hands.

In view of the condition of our street trees, it seemed to me best to take care of the trees we have rather than to plant any more at the present time. Following this policy, tree guards have been placed on fifty-nine (59) trees injured by horses' teeth, forty-three (43) trees have been trimmed and eight (8) dead or dangerous trees removed. There have been four hearings on petitions for the removal of trees, favorable action being taken on six requests and refused in the case of thirteen requests. It has often happened that petitioners apparently most urgent in their desire to have certain trees removed have failed to appear at the hearings advertised for the same. This, it seems to me, indicates the wisdom of following a conservative policy in the future in entertaining such requests.

The principal effort made by the Tree Warden during the past summer was in connection with work against the gypsy and brown-tail moths. Lacking any specific appropriation, I drew temporarily upon the Tree Warden's appropriation and on my personal funds to protect the trees in the Square and along the principal streets by burlapping. All told, 820 trees were burlapped, 600 trees were infested with an average of about twenty-five caterpillars per tree taken during the summer. This work, with much other, was performed in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. George F. Sawyer. As soon as funds for moth work were provided at the special Town Meeting, work against the moths, at my request, was placed in the hands of Mr. Sawyer, who has carried it on efficiently and

economically and on which I presume he has made a special report.

The Tree Warden has endeavored to give attention to all requests as promptly as possible, and regrets that the demands made upon his time by his official position in connection with the State work against the gypsy and brown-tail moths have sometimes made delay unavoidable.

The financial statement follows.

A. H. KIRKLAND, Tree Warden.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		\$200 00
EXPENDED		
Labor on trees	\$ 26 00	
Labor and teams	9 80	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	60	
Samuel Brown, repairs	70	
Morss & Whyte Co., netting for tree pro- tectors	18 75	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies	1 27	
G. H. Atkinson Co., supplies	60	
Francis Bros., supplies	9 80	
Samuel Cabot, creosote	2 25	
A. Chandler Manning, services	25 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	4 00	
Unexpended	101 23	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

ASSESSORS' REPORT

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Reading during the year 1905.

Valuation of real estate	\$4,119,913 00
Valuation of personal property, not in-	
cluding resident Nat'l Bank stock \$537,229 00	
Resident National Bank Stock	26,450 00
	<hr/> \$563,679 00
Total real and personal property	\$4,683,592 00
Increase in value of real estate . . . \$	41,919 00
Increase in value of personal estate . .	28,244 00
Value of buildings excluding land . . .	2,548,650 00
Value of land excluding buildings . . .	1,571,263 00
Tax on real estate	\$82,398 26
Tax on personal estate	11,273 58
Tax on polls	3,230 00
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Total tax assessed on polls and estates	\$96,901 84
Tax assessed on polls since May 1, 1905	6 00
Street Railway excise tax (11.711-1000	
miles in Reading)	2,193 98
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Total taxes assessed from all sources . .	\$99,101 82
State Highway tax \$	186 80
State tax	5,840 00
County tax	4,795 26
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	\$10,822 06
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Balance used for Town purposes	\$88,279 76

Rate of taxation, \$20 on \$1,000

Total number of persons assessed on property	.	.	1,508
Total number of persons assessed polls only	.	.	932
Number of polls May 1, 1905	.	.	1,615
Number of polls added since	.	.	3
Total polls assessed	.	.	1,618
Increase from 1904	.	.	55
Number of horses	.	.	410
“ “ cows	.	.	351
“ “ neat cattle	.	.	50
“ “ sheep	.	.	7
“ “ swine	.	.	61
“ “ fowls	.	.	6,818
“ “ dwellings	.	.	1,277
“ “ new dwellings	.	.	6
“ “ acres of land	.	.	5,734

The following is a list of the Real, Personal and Polls for the following years :

YEAR	POLLS	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL EST.	TOTAL	TAX RATE
1890	1066	\$2,575,439	\$261,691	\$2,837,130	\$14 30
1891	1028	2,658,204	326,245	2,984,449	16 00
1892	1041	2,732,852	338,054	3,070,906	17 00
1893	1211	2,855,695	350,771	3,206,466	18 00
1894	1254	3,106,943	341,255	3,448,198	15 50
1895	1290	3,264,528	426,979	3,691,507	15 50
1896	1358	3,417,373	481,004	3,898,377	18 00
1897	1405	3,586,240	554,031	4,140,271	18 00

YEAR	POLLS	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL EST.	TOTAL	TAX RATE
1898	1435	3,646,641	397,798	4,044,439	18 00
1899	1465	3,713,935	709,800	4,423,735	17 50
1900	1486	3,855,671	556,903	4,412,574	18 50
1901	1499	3,894,156	470,132	4,364,288	20 00
1902	1538	3,950,218	485,996	4,436,214	18 00
1903	1578	4,067,868	522,104	4,589,972	18 50
1904	1558	4,077,994	535,435	4,613,429	20 00
1905	1615	4,119,913	563,679	4,683,592	20 00

EDWARD F. PARKER,	}	Assessors of Reading.
J. H. ADDEN,		
MILLARD F. CHARLES,		

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1905

H. M. VIALI, *Collector*,

TO TOWN OF READING

DR.

Amount of uncollected taxes for 1903	\$10,980 55
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1904	33,691 56
Collected account redemption . . .	3 00
Committed list, 1905	96,901 84
Excise tax, 1905	2,193 93
Additional tax, 1905	6 00
Interest, 1903	959 75
Interest, 1904	1,027 26
Interest, 1905	122 74

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By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas.

Account 1903	\$11,940 30
“ 1904	25,425 00
“ 1905	67,000 00
“ redemption	3 00
“ excise tax	2,193 93
By uncollected taxes, 1904 . .	9,293 82
“ “ 1905	29,980 58

<u>\$145,886 63</u>	<u>\$145,886 63</u>
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H. M. VIALI, *Collector*.

Reading, January 30, 1906.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905 :

TOWN HOME

Total number of inmates during year	.	.	.	.	.	9
Number discharged	.	.	.	.	.	3
Number at present time	.	.	.	.	.	6

NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED OUTSIDE OF TOWN HOME

Temporary aid granted adults	.	.	.	.	.	21
Temporary aid granted children	.	.	.	.	.	23
Tramps	.	.	.	.	.	61

The number of inmates at the Town Home has been less than last year, and the net expense somewhat greater, but the difference is more than accounted for in the matter of necessary improvements, stock added, etc.

We have had the portion of the house used by the inmates wired for electricity and are now using it for lighting. This is a considerable convenience and safeguard for a place of this nature. We were required by the State Board of Charity to place a fire escape on the building, and this has been done. We have added considerable stock at the Town Home, as will be seen by a comparison of the personal property lists for 1904 and 1905.

The calls for outside aid have been somewhat less than last year. Seventeen families have received temporary relief.

Tramps have not been lodged here since the new law went

into effect. They are informed that if lodged they will be taken to court. This has had good effect and is a considerable benefit to the Town.

The financial statement will be found on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,
Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HOME

INMATES

James Hunter	Aged 62 years
Margaret Sullivan	" 72 "
Henry W. Weston	" 58 "
Charles H. Ballard	" 59 "
William H. Burnham	" 79 "
Frank C. Gilchrist	" 59 "
William S. Pease, left April 3, 1905	" 76 "
Joseph Stokes, discharged March 8, 1905	" 54 "
Charles H. Melendy, admitted Feb. 3, 1905, discharged March 27, 1905	" 20 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME JAN. 1, 1906

Live stock	\$598 50
Hay and grain	135 80
Wagons, carts and sleighs	193 00
Manure	102 00
Harnesses and blankets	58 25
Two snow plows	20 00
Spraying apparatus and chemicals	56 50

Amount carried forward \$1,164 05

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,164 05	
Barrels, boxes and baskets	25 30	
Fuel	130 10	
Farming tools and implements	166 35	
Beds, bedding, etc.	105 30	
Household furniture and utensils	391 23	
Provisions and supplies	174 84	
	<hr/>	\$2,157 17

TOWN HOME

Amount received from spraying trees	\$162 45	
Amount received from sale of milk, eggs, poultry, vegetables, apples, pigs, etc.	678 66	
Amount received from labor on highways	94 96	
Amount received from gravel	12 60	
Amount received from bill overpaid	8 85	
Amount received for distributing Town Reports, 1904	10 00	

EXPENDED

W. C. Smith, salary Supt.	\$474 99	
W. C. Smith, miscellaneous supplies	72 51	
Mary Igo, wages	31 29	
Hannah Gorman, wages	31 50	
Annie J. Maguire, wages	32 50	
Ivy Stevens, wages	76 50	
Wm. Miller, labor	36 90	
W. W. Davis, labor	2 15	
Walter Lock, spraying trees on private property	2 25	
H. M. Donegan, spraying trees on private property	53 47	
H. B. Steens, labor	8 45	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$822 51	\$967 52

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$822 51	\$967 52
R. P. Burgess, labor	1 00	
E. L. Chamberlain, meats and provisions	87 04	
W. H. Mears, groceries	99 12	
F. Wallace, grain and groceries	136 16	
Reading Co-operative Association, grain and groceries	389 17	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., grain and groceries	290 31	
Berry & Rich, meats	30 31	
M. F. Holt, meats	36 43	
Thos. Ovals, fish	14 19	
Wm. Taylor, meats	16 23	
H. G. Stokes, fish	1 95	
H. W. Wilson, crackers	10 49	
E. F. Geary, labor	2 28	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods	17 16	
F. G. MacDonald, dry goods	18 15	
Francis Bartley, clothing	8 55	
Francis Bros., household supplies	88 83	
N. Bancroft Est., shoes and repairing	28 90	
C. L. Martin, fuel	206 10	
P. J. Seaman, labor and material on sleds	32 35	
P. J. Seaman, repairs	21 14	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing, 1904 and 1905	25 25	
H. B. Hubbard, horse shoeing.	4 50	
J. J. Cameron, labor and harness material	18 21	
W. C. Taylor, harness material	1 10	
Morgan & Bond, leather and trimming for harness	7 45	
Samuel Brown, material for sled	11 00	
American Radiator Co., radiator	3 62	
A. M. Morton & Co., pipe and fittings	6 95	
J. Abrahams, iron bed	4 50	
Alex. Vacan, chopping wood	23 63	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,464 58	\$967 52

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,464 58	\$967 52
Municipal Light Board, installing electric lights in house and barn, and electricity	103 52	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	32 56	
T. J. Whall, installing radiator and fittings	14 18	
Geo. F. Dow, M. D., medical attendance .	1 50	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., medical attendance	85 00	
Wm. Spillsbury, standing grass . . .	75 00	
C. E. Demeritt, standing grass . . .	5 00	
E. F. Parker, standing grass . . .	1 50	
Fred Bancroft, standing grass . . .	12 00	
H. L. Sheldon, cows	96 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber and supplies .	33 95	
Bowker Insecticide Co., spraying supplies	101 75	
A. M. Allen, fowls	16 20	
L. C. Swain, cedar fence posts . . .	3 80	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . . .	13 60	
Citizens' Ice Co., ice	13 05	
Cummings' Express Co., expressing . .	3 65	
Mrs. A. B. Campbell, seed beans . . .	1 30	
J. B. McLane, shafts	1 80	
Peter White, cow	15 00	
L. F. Hatch, shoates	14 50	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	2 00	
Geo. W. Beasley, beef scraps	2 25	
W. O. Richardson, drag plank	3 00	
J. C. Oxley, medicines	7 10	
A. W. Danforth, medicines	5 95	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	8 69	
Jos. Cunio, cow	30 00	
T. C. Fife, pipe fittings	3 41	
L. M. Walker, fowls	1 50	
W. B. Loring, fowls	5 00	
D. J. Sweeney, garden plants	2 15	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,180 41	\$967 52

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,180 49	\$967 52
J. W. Robbins, cultivator and seeds	8 50	
J. Lamb, seed potatoes	1 50	
F. E. Cox, supplies	10 70	
Dana Dudley, supplies	1 25	
Curley Bros., feed	6 25	
Chas. Wakefield, supplies	1 50	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, labor and lumber . .	4 00	
Amy L. Ballou, heifer	8 00	
Stewart & Robertson, fire escape	63 94	
Geo. A. Shackford, labor and team	2 50	
Carried to Poor Account		2,321 11
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	\$3,288 63	\$3,288 63

POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

EXPENDED

Elmira Weston, fuel and supplies	\$ 91 75
Matilda Coulter and family, fuel and groceries	15 10
Theresa Froton and family, fuel and groceries	126 19
James S. Wyatt, groceries and provisions	74 90
Bridget Dunn, fuel and groceries	35 40
Joel O. Cederburg and family, medical attendance and supplies	245 01
Julia A. Morton, supplies	114 00
Chas. H. Melendy, supplies	2 99
Wm. H. Leonard and family, supplies . .	104 00
Frank L. Johnson and family, fuel	7 50
Delia Casey, fuel	16 30
Mary M. Surette, medical attendance . .	10 00
Lillian Surette, burial expenses	19 00
Jane Green, groceries	2 30
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$864 44

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$864 44	
John Walsh and family, medical attendance and supplies	27 93	
Florence Walker and family, supplies, 1904	67 25	
Florence Walker and family, supplies, 1905	18 00	
Frank Gilchrist, supplies, 1904	4 00	
Mary T. Roach and family, fuel and groceries	23 10	
Emily Doucette, hospital services	47 77	
Carried to Poor Account	————	\$1,052 49

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$283 67
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EXPENDED

Annie Melonson and family, fuel, groceries and medical services	\$57 65	
Joseph P. Oliver and family, fuel, groceries and medical services	113 51	
Bridget Greeley and family, fuel and groceries	15 45	
Emma Muse and family, fuel and groceries	14 04	
Thos. S. Bailey and family, medical services and burial expenses	45 73	
Amy L. Ballou and family, fuel and groceries	37 29	
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	\$283 67	\$283 67

PAID ON ACCOUNT CITY OF MELROSE

Amount due from City of Melrose	\$21 75
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EXPENDED

Peter Ainsworth and family, fuel	\$21 75	
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	\$21 75	\$21 75

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

Amount received from Town of	
Wakefield	\$74 78
Amount due from Town of Wakefield	14 27

EXPENDED

Abbie M. McIntire and family, provisions		
and supplies	\$85 55	
Percy L. Stevens, groceries	3 50	
	<u>\$89 05</u>	<u>\$89 05</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount received from Town of Wil-	
mington	\$169 98

EXPENDED

Mrs. Sarah White and family, groceries and		
fuel	\$169 98	
	<u>\$169 98</u>	<u>\$169 98</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF SAUGUS

Amount received from Town of Saugus	\$6 25
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EXPENDED

Mrs. Eliza C. Amerige and family, fuel and		
supplies	\$6 25	
	<u>\$6 25</u>	<u>\$6 25</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF CANTON

Amount due from Town of Canton .	\$1 50
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EXPENDED

Raymond and Elsie Hobby, supplies .	\$1 50	
	<u>\$1 50</u>	<u>\$1 50</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WOBURN

Amount due from City of Woburn	\$7 99
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EXPENDED

Richard Burke and family, groceries	\$7 99	
	<u>\$7 99</u>	<u>\$7 99</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Amount received from City of Cambridge	\$113 93
Amount due from City of Cambridge	27 25

EXPENDED

Charlotte White and family, fuel and groceries	\$141 18	
	<u>\$141 18</u>	<u>\$141 18</u>

SHINGLING TOWN HOME BARN

Appropriation	\$125 00
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EXPENDED

W. Bancroft & Co., shingles and lumber	\$102 41
R. J. LeFave, labor	22 59
	<u>\$125 00</u>
	<u>\$125 00</u>

SUMMARY

Appropriation	\$3,300 00
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EXPENDED

Net expenses Town Home	\$2,321 11
Poor out of Town Home	1,052 49
Overdrawn	73 60
	<u>\$3,373 60</u>
	<u>\$3,373 60</u>

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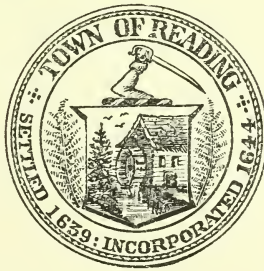
TOWN OF READING

SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1905

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1907
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	.	.	" " 1906
EARLE H. GOWING,	.	.	" " 1908

Superintendent and Registrar

LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping Station

FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer

ALBION G. NICHOLS

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD

Room 2, Masonic Block

OFFICE HOURS

8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M., except Saturday.

Saturday: 8.30 A. M. to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their sixteenth annual report.

MAINTENANCE

Received rent		\$66 00
Received summons		40
Paid Pay Roll	\$1,364 00	
Municipal Light Board, light . . .	23 43	
Engineering Record	3 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones . .	42 18	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	132 00	
Engineering News Publishing Co. . .	5 00	
Hobbs, Warren Co., filing cases . . .	12 50	
Moore & Co.	5 95	
Office Bank & Library Co., case . . .	64 30	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., paper . .	9 80	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . . .	21 50	
Francis Bros.	4 10	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	2 55	
Adams, Cushing & Foster, order and check books	25 00	
Frost & Adams Co., paper	3 92	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	40	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., gasoline	10	
O. O. Ordway, iron work	40	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	1 50	
American Express Co.	1 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	25	
N. E. Towel Supply Co.	5 40	
Car fares	8 05	
Post Office, box rent	2 00	
Harley Prentiss, P. M., postage stamps	1 18	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,729 51</u>	<u>\$66 40</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,729 51	\$66 40
S. M. Spencer & Sons Co., rubber stamps	3 33	
Frank Butters, screen door and hanging	2 70	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., stationery .	2 00	
Cleaning	55	
Balance		\$1,681 69
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	\$1,748 09	\$1,748 09

PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Received rent of house		\$180 00
Paid Pay Roll	\$1,261 55	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	5 00	
American Express Co.	15	
Hobbs & Warren Co., book	7 50	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	24 69	
The Greenwood & Daggett Co., polish	1 25	
The Hodge Boiler Works, grate bars	19 74	
Chas. A. Claffin & Co., packing .	13 34	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil, waste, etc.	75 33	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	6 17	
Francis Bros.	4 08	
Walter F. Cook, varnishing	10 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	156 53	
Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. & Ins. Co.	100 00	
The Bristols Co., dials	1 66	
S. P. Burton Co., coal	798 18	
The Fairbanks Co., repairing scales .	6 60	
Town of North Reading, taxes	1 70	
Lewis M. Bancroft, insurance	41 35	
Geo. W. Knowlton Rubber Co., packing	17 75	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil	1 05	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,553 62	\$180 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,553 62	\$180 00
Geo. A. Shackford, teaming . . .	197 98	
Julian P. Freiz, guage . . .	1 00	
O. O. Ordway, iron work . . .	75	
Municipal Light Board, light . .	20 80	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., tele- phones	45 27	
Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., valve springs	34	
E. C. Metcalf, mop	25	
Balance		2,640 01
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	\$2,820 01	\$2,820 01

MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid Pay Roll	\$786 50
F. H. Parker & Son, express and team- ing	39 35
American Express Co.	25
Dodge Mfg. Co., pulleys, etc. . .	11 26
Lawrence Machine Co., repairs on en- gine	25 10
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . .	108 63
Harrison Bros. & Co., sulphate of alumina	212 87
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	2 65
W. B. Fonda, lime	112 50
Chas. A. Clatlin & Co., packing . .	1 63
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., packing and belting	6 86
Francis Bros.	1 40
J. A. & W. Bird Co., acid . . .	4 45
L. M. Bancroft, insurance . . .	44 15
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . . .	6 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,363 60

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,363 60	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., lead pipe	1 09	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., brushes . . .	20	
Theodore Metcalf Co., chemicals . .	50	
	<hr/>	\$1,365 39

MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay Roll	\$205 55	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . .	4 75	
American Express Co.	3 15	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	1 95	
Thompson Meter Co., repairs on meters	16 77	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	3 52	
Union Water Meter Co., repairs on meters	3 80	
Francis Bros.	15	
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairs on meters .	40 79	
Neptune Meter Co., repairs on meters	5 10	
National Meter Co., repairs on meters	101 46	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . . .	12 75	
	<hr/>	\$399 74

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Geo. E. Lang, damage to carriage .	\$2 50	
Pay Roll	94 96	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., tin pipe .	6 00	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lime . . .	3 45	
T. C. Fife, labor	75	
Geo. A. Shackford, horse hire . . .	8 00	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools . . .	1 80	
Car fares	1 50	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	1 40	
	<hr/>	\$120 36

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Paid Chapman Valve M'fg. Co., repairing hydrants	\$10 25
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INTEREST

Received interest on deposit . . .	\$41 40	
“ hydrant rent . . .	4,920 00	
“ for water for fountains . . .	300 00	
“ for water for street sprinkling . . .	500 00	
“ accrued interest on bonds sold . . .	114 67	
“ from receipts for water . . .	2,388 93	
Paid interest on bonds and note . . .	\$8,265 00	
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	\$8,265 00	\$8,265 00

MIDDLETON MILLS

Paid Middleton Mills Co.	\$4,000 00	
Arthur P. French, attorney . . .	409 45	
Albert E. Pillsbury	500 00	
Percy M. Blake, engineer	78 88	
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NORWOOD MILLS

Paid Chas. A. Sayward, attorney for Caleb J. Norwood	\$1,000 00	
Arthur P. French, attorney	102 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,102 05

MAIN PIPE

Paid Pay Roll	\$75 75	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . .	50	
Antonio Michelini, labor	59 50	
Builders' Iron Foundry, specials . . .	7 65	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pig lead . .	26 73	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., kerosene . . .	60	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools . . .	11 90	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	25 50	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	57	
Car fares	1 90	
	<hr/>	\$210 60

SERVICE PIPES

Received from pipe laid		406 83
Paid Pay Roll	\$579 92	
W. C. Taylor, repairs on harness . .	3 15	
F. Bartley, boots and blanket . .	8 35	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . .	7 90	
Francis Bros., fittings	4 57	
The Greenwood & Daggett Co. . .	89	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pipe . .	4 38	
Bingham & Taylor, service boxes . .	36 84	
F. O. Dewey Co., lantern globes . .	2 50	
Chas. A. Claffin Co., corporation cocks	75 00	
Harrington, King & Co., canvass . .	10 23	
George E. Gilchrist & Co., fittings . .	7 81	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . .	3 45	
F. W. Danforth, painting wagon . .	12 75	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	26 23	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	24 79	
W. H. Vinton, washers	1 50	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe . .	75 92	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	191 00	
Edson Mfg. Co., diaphragm for pump .	1 90	
Geo. H. Atkinson Co., oil	4 00	
T. C. Fife, fittings	70	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	42 12	
American Powder Mills, powder . .	12 77	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools . .	27 10	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., stops	13 80	
American Express Co.	1 10	
Car fares	6 00	
Balance		779 84
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	\$1,186 67	\$1,186 67

METERS

Paid Henry R. Worthington, meters . . .	\$ 40 40
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . .	2 55
O. P. Symonds & Sons, lumber . . .	5 30
Hersey Mfg. Co., meters . . .	16 80
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	63 51
Francis Bros.	2 93
Waldo Bros., drain pipe . . .	5 40
National Meter Co., meters . . .	221 60
Pittsburg Meter Co., meter . . .	8 40
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . . .	5 38
Chas. F. Merrill, covers and fittings . .	115 00
O. O. Ordway, iron work . . .	1 00
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and lumber	36 60
Pay Roll	66 07
American Express Co.	3 25
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	\$594 19

EXPERIMENTAL FILTERS

Paid E. K. Willard, generator . . .	\$ 78 00
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co. . . .	3 00
F. H. Parker & Son, express . . .	8 20
O. P. Symonds & Sons, lumber . . .	50
American Express Co.	1 80
B. & M. R. R., freight	81
Whitall, Tatum Co., chemical appar- atus	16 21
Francis Bros., labor and fittings . .	4 79
H. R. Johnson, tanks	70 36
Byers & Smith, engine	115 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$298 67

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$298 67
Dodge Mfg. Co., shafting, etc. . . .	13 55
S. D. Hicks & Son, copper work . . .	24 49
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	10 78
The Hodge Boiler Works, iron plates	74 88
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	3 02
Moore & Co., electrical work . . .	131 39
Municipal Light Board	3 16
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	34 30
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	9 52
Robert Spurr Weston, engineer . . .	134 85
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber . .	14 49
S. W. Bowker, teaming	6 50
The Holtzer Cabot Elect. Co., repairs	10 28
John A. Blunt, iron work	4 50
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	1 50
T. C. Fife, pipe and fittings . . .	3 53
O. O. Ordway, iron work	10 95
Pay Roll, labor	13 02
Chas. A. Chaffin & Co., packing . .	3 95
Car fares	13 42
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	\$820 75

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1904	\$ 26 45
Interest on deposit	41 40
Interest on bonds sold	114 67
Bonds sold	6,000 00
Hydrant rent	4,920 00
Water for drinking fountains	300 00
Water for street sprinkling	500 00
Meter rates	10,706 37
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$22,608 89

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$22,608 89
Summons	40
Service pipes	406 83
Rent of house	180 00
Rent of office	66 00
Premium on bonds sold	397 50
Paid Interest	\$8,265 00
Maintenance	1,748 09
Pumping Station Maintenance	2,820 01
Filter Maintenance	1,365 39
Meter Maintenance	399 74
Service Pipe Maintenance	120 36
Main Pipe Maintenance	10 25
Middleton Mills, damage	4,988 33
Norwood Mills, damage	1,102 05
Experimental Filter	820 75
Main Pipe	210 60
Service Pipes	1,186 67
Meters	594 19
Cash on hand	28 19
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	\$23,659 62 \$23,659 62

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year	\$289,811 57
Main Pipe	210 60
Service Pipe	779 84
Meters	594 19
Middleton Mills, damage	4,988 33
Norwood Mills, damage	1,102 05
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	\$297,486 58

The Board recommends that \$4,950.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental, that \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for drinking fountains, and that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to \$8,105.00, as follows:

\$191,000 00 for one year	\$7,640 00
7,000 00 for six months	140 00
10,000 00 for one year	325 00
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					\$8,105 00

Fortunately, there has been no trouble from electrolysis the past year, and so far as we have discovered there is no immediate danger from that source. The experiments towards improving the water are still going on, but at the present time we are not prepared to make a definite report, but the report of the expert will be found on succeeding pages.

During the year we have settled the Norwood and Middleton Paper Mills claims. In these cases we concluded it better and cheaper to settle, rather than incur the expense of law suits. These claims were settled on the same basis as that of the Ipswich Mills, viz: 400,000 gallons per day for all time. The average consumption per day during the last year has been 142,000 gallons; it will therefore be many years before the limit will be reached.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,

E. H. GOWING,

GEO. A. SHACKFORD,

Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount of water bills rendered in 1905	. \$10,906 09
abatement	80 41
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	\$10,825 68

Amount collected and paid to E. F. Parker,	
Treasurer	\$10,501 45
Amount taken by burglars	139 90
Amount uncollected	184 33
	<hr/>
	\$10,825 68

Amount of 1904 bills uncollected	\$212 54
Amount collected	\$204 92
uncollected	7 62
	<hr/>
	\$212 54

Service pipe bills rendered in 1905	\$439 34
Service pipe bills previous years	85 36
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	\$524 70

Amount collected	\$406 83
uncollected	117 87
	<hr/>
	\$524 70

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Registrar.

Reading, Jan. 30, 1906.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—The sixteenth annual report of the Superintendent is submitted for the year ending December 31, 1905.

The extension of mains has been four hundred and two feet of six inch pipe on Pearl street, between Wakefield and Forest streets. One new hydrant was placed at the corner of Pearl and Forest streets.

There have been twenty-five services put in and one discontinued during the year, making twelve hundred and thirteen services now in use.

One service leak has been repaired. Twelve service pipes were frozen and had to be thawed out during February and March. Three of these have been lowered to prevent further trouble from that source.

One of the boilers at the pumping station is beginning to show the effects of fifteen years of service and will soon have to be replaced.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use :

	6 inch Cast Iron	1½ inch Galvanized	1½ inch Enamelled	1½ inch Galvanized	1 inch Galvanized	1½ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Lead Lined	¾ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Cement Lined	¾ inch Cement Lined	2 inch Galvanized	¾ inch Galvanized
Owned by the town		452	33.7	12765.5	181.7	30.8	887.2	20733.7	367.1	9919.9	1662.2	1437.2
Owned by individuals	814	47	123	945.7	90.4	89.4	73	21796.2	78	12558.2	303.6	1289.3
Total	814	499	156.7	13711.2	272.1	120.2	960.2	42529.9	445.1	22478.1	1365.8	2726.5

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use :

No.	NAME.	SIZES.				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	½ in.
79	Crown.....	1	.....	2	1	75
587	Nash.....	.....	3	4	.....	580
199	Empire.....	1	.....	.....	.....	198
4	Gem.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	Lambert.....	.....	.....	2	.....	38
12	Thompson.....	1	.....	1	.....	10
1	Worthington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
2	Worthington Disc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
114	Hersey Disc.....	2	1	6	.....	105
2	Neptune.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
12	Union Rotary.....	3	1	3	.....	5
30	Columbia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
1	King.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	Niagara.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	Keystone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
1084		12	5	18	1	1048

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

FROM JAN. 1, 1905, TO JAN. 1, 1906.

MONTH	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain Fall
January . . .	31	137	30	4,224,707	219	44,704	5.44
February . . .	28	130		4,052,383		45,924	1.47
March . . .	31	139	45	4,196,078		42,490	2.92
April . . .	30	137	45	4,074,555		38,984	2.59
May . . .	31	151	30	4,643,648		41,208	1.39
June . . .	30	146	30	4,388,355		38,579	6.11
July . . .	31	182	45	5,503,718		46,623	1.19
August . . .	31	156	30	4,535,626		39,175	3.30
September . . .	30	134	45	4,065,887		35,865	7.87
October . . .	31	145	15	4,286,170		39,756	1.20
November . . .	30	134	15	3,986,152		37,659	2.22
December . . .	31	132	15	3,946,856		39,645	3.72
	365	1728	45	51,904,135		490,612	39.42

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1								.57					1
2													2
3						.09		.03				.19	3
4	1.53						.10		6.50		.82	.81	4
5									.31				5
6				1.57		.25		.63			.30		6
7	2.28	.83				.57		.61			.13		7
8			.42			.01					.03		8
9			.48		.16								9
10		.30	.34									.11	10
11							.32	.25				.50	11
12				.42				.46	.55	.26			12
13	.69					1.75		.06	.02				13
14		.34					.18						14
15													15
16					.13			.92					16
17					.21	.11	.07	.02	.06				17
18					.35								18
19			.03		.23	.46			.32				19
20			.23			.03			.02	.92			20
21													21
22			.97	.60		1.32						1.21	22
23						.32						.14	23
24							.02					.04	24
25			.45				.24	.20	.05	.02			25
26	.92					.33							26
27						.71	.04	.20					27
28	.02					.14							28
29						.02					.62		29
30					.31		.14				.32	.72	30
31							.08	.59					31
	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	

The average rainfall for Massachusetts is 45.49 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station was 39.42 inches, making a deficiency of 6.07 inches. There was an excess of rainfall in January, June, September and December, and a deficiency during the remaining eight months. The greatest excess in any one month occurred in September when the rainfall was 7.87 inches. The greatest deficiency occurred in October when the rainfall was 1.20 inches.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM READING WATER WORKS

PARTS IN 100,000

No.	DATE OF		APPEARANCE				ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	NITROGEN AS		Oxygen consumed	Hardness	Iron
	Collection	Examination	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot	Free		Albuminoid	Nitrates		Nitrates				
1905		1905															
52845	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	Slight	Cons.	42	None	None	8.10	.0106	.0074	.54	.0060	.0000	.36	2.7	.2200	Filter Gallery
52846	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	None	None	12	None	None	13.30	.0078	.0086	.54	.0060	.0005	.25	8.1	.0120	Filter Weir
52847	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	Slight Milky	None	28	None	None	7.60	.0065	.0054	.54	.0090	.0000	.20	2.9	.0650	EX. Filter
52934	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Decided	Cons.	10	None	Faintly Un.	7.90	.0108	.0084	.55	.0030	.0000	.35	8.0	.3000	Filter Gallery
53219	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Very Slight	None	.10	None	None	14.00	.0080	.0072	.54	.0040	.0004	.22	8.3	.0600	Filter Weir
53219	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Slight	Slight iron	.32	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	9.00	.0094	.0058	.57	.0060	.0000	.40	3.4	.2600	Filter Gallery
53220	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Slight	None	.10	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	14.20	.0074	.0052	.57	.0070	.0004	.20	7.8	.0600	Filter Weir
53220	Feb. 15	Feb. 15	Slight	None	.08	Faintly Un.	Distinc. Un.	8.30	.0042	.0040	.53	.0030	.0001	.11	2.9	.0530	EX. Filter
53664	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Decided iron	Slight iron	Turbid	40	None	7.00	.0090	.0078	.51	.0080	.0000	.40	2.7	.2100	Filter Gallery
53665	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Slight	Very slight	.12	None	None	11.90	.0078	.0062	.51	.0060	.0005	.26	7.0	.0150	Filter Weir
53666	Apr. 11	Apr. 12	Very Slight	None	.12	Very F. U.	Very F. U.	6.10	.0066	.0038	.52	.0120	.0000	.12	2.5	.0360	EX. Filter
54049	May 9	May 9	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.59	None	Faintly Un.	7.00	.0090	.0112	.53	.0050	.0000	.52	2.2	.3400	Filter Gallery
54050	May 9	May 9	Very Slight	None	.25	None	None	13.80	.0078	.0082	.53	.0050	.0007	.37	8.8	.0160	Filter Weir
54051	May 9	May 9	Very Slight	None	.04	None	None	6.00	.0034	.0054	.48	.0030	.0000	.13	2.7	.1800	Filter Weir
54677	June 13	June 13	Decided	Slight	Fil.	.53	Very F. U.	7.20	.0094	.0104	.53	.0040	.0000	.44	2.2	.0600	Filter Gallery
54678	June 13	June 13	None	Very slight	Fil.	.23	None	14.30	.0084	.0092	.53	.0030	.0004	.29	8.9	.0080	Filter Weir
55339	July 18	July 19	Decid. Milky	None	Fil.	.50	Very F. U.	6.40	.0068	.0062	.53	.0030	.0000	.58	2.2	.1800	EX. Filter
55340	July 18	July 19	Very slight	Cons. iron	Fil.	.75	Faint woody	7.40	.0088	.0128	.54	.0020	.0004	.39	8.1	.1200	Filter Gallery
55846	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Slight	Slight iron	Fil.	.37	None	15.20	.0082	.0096	.54	.0040	.0000	.47	2.6	.0370	Filter Weir
55847	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Very slight	None	.27	None	None	13.70	.0076	.0088	.54	.0040	.0000	.47	2.6	.1700	Filter Gallery
55848	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Slight	None	.46	Very F. U.	Very F. U.	5.90	.0070	.0084	.56	.0040	.0004	.33	8.1	.0130	Filter Weir
56653	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Decided	Cons.	Fil.	.48	Very F. U.	5.90	.0062	.0042	.53	.0050	.0001	.13	2.2	.1000	EX. Filter
56654	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	None	None	.13	None	None	7.60	.0100	.0100	.53	.0120	.0002	.38	2.6	.2300	Filter Gallery
57336	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil.	.55	None	8.90	.0116	.0104	.58	.0020	.0000	.44	3.0	.0150	Filter Weir
57337	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	None	Slight iron	.25	None	None	15.60	.0082	.0094	.56	.0010	.0007	.30	9.4	.0230	Filter Weir
57338	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Very slight	None	.02	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	7.50	.0060	.0054	.54	.0020	.0000	.05	2.5	.0070	EX. Filter
58135	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil.	.48	None	9.40	.0098	.0096	.58	.0040	.0001	.44	3.9	.2800	Filter Gallery
58136	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	None	None	.15	None	None	16.00	.0098	.0072	.57	.0020	.0010	.26	7.9	.0270	Filter Weir
58137	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	None	None	.02	Very F. U.	Very F. U.	7.80	.0044	.0052	.56	.0020	.0000	.69	2.9	.4200	Filter Weir
58551	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	Very slight	Cons. iron	.38	None	Faintly Un.	9.40	.0134	.0082	.63	.0020	.0000	.45	4.3	.2000	EX. Filter
58552	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	None	None	.21	None	None	15.60	.0084	.0076	.64	.0030	.0008	.27	8.9	.0140	Filter Weir
58553	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	None	None	.00	None	Faintly Un.	8.50	.0042	.0046	.61	.0280	.0000	.16	3.1	.0630	EX. Filter

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

READING WATER WORKS

READING, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1905, 5,682.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply, pumping.

PUMPING STATISTICS.

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co.
2. Description of fuel used

{	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kind, coal. b. Brand of coal, Pocahontas. c. Average price of coal per gross ton delivered, \$5.20. d. Percentage of ash, e. Wood, price per cord, \$
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3. Coal consumed for the year, 490,612 lbs.
4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by three equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.
- 4a. Amount of other fuel used,
5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.

6. Total pumpage for the year, 51,904,135 gallons, with allowance for slip.
7. Average static head against which pump works, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pump works, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5), 105.7.
10. Duty equals $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6)} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.)} \times 100 \times \text{dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$
 equals 21,277,652.
Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz.,
\$2,640.01.
11. Per million gallons pumped, \$50.86.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), \$0.21.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
<i>Balance brought forward:</i>		<i>Water Works Maintenance:</i>	
(a)	From ordinary (maintenance) receipts	AA. Operation (management and repairs)	\$6,463 84
	Total	CC. Total maintenance	\$6,463 84
		DD. Interest on bonds	8,265 00
		CC plus DD	14,728 84
<i>From Water Rates:</i>		<i>Water Works Construction:</i>	
B.	Meter rates	GG. Extension of mains	210 60
C.	Total from consumers	HH. Extension of services	1,186 67
D.	For hydrants	II. Extension of Meters	594 19
E.	For fountains	JJ. Special:	
F.	For street watering	Experimental filter	820 75
J.	Total from municipal depts.	Middleton Mills	4,983 33
L.	From bond issue	Norwood Mills	1,102 05
M.	From other sources:	KK. Total construction	8,902 59
	Rents, interest, etc.	MM. Balance:	
	Service pipes	(aa) Ordinary	28 19
		Total balance	28 19
N.	Total	N. Total	\$23,659 62

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5682.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 5547.
3. Estimated population supplied, 5047.
4. Total consumption for the year, 51,904,135 gallons.
5. Passed through meters, gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered,
7. Average daily consumption, 142,203 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 25.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 28.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 117.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), \$124.53.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, \$283.77.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MAINS

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3. Extended 402 feet during the year.
4. Discontinued 0 feet during the year.
5. Total now in use, 28,741 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, \$0.356.
7. Number of leaks per mile, none.
8. Length of pipes less than 4 inches diam., none miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private) 1.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 165.

11. Number of stop gates added during year, none.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 249.
13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, none.
14. Number of blow-offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast lead and cement lined.
17. Sizes, 3-4 to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 1489.1 feet.
19. Discontinued, 142.6 feet.
20. Total now in use, 16.2535 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 25.
22. Number now in use, 1213.
23. Average length of service, 59.5 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, \$47.46.
25. Number of meters added, 35.
26. Number now in use, 1084.
27. Percentage of services metered, 89.
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C),
29. Number of motors and elevators added, none.
30. Number now in use, 4.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, Superintendent.

Reading, Jan. 30, 1906.

REPORT OF ROBERT SPURR WESTON

SANITARY EXPERT

Board of Water Commissioners, Reading, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:— Regarding the experiments which have been conducted at the pumping station during the fall of 1904, the writer presents the following report:

GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE EXPERIMENTS

Following the conclusions of previous studies made by various engineers and the State Board of Health, the experiments have had to do with the treatment of the water preparatory to the successful removal by filtration of the iron contained therein. In general, the different methods of treatment tried comprise the addition of iron (either by direct contact of the iron and the water or by a special electrolytic method), aeration, plain subsidence and filtration. It was found that iron had to be added to the water almost continuously during the year, and the experiments have been concerned with the methods for doing this. From August 24, 1904, to April 27, 1905, experiments were made where the iron was added to the water by direct contact. From Feb. 27, 1905, to the date of the present writing, iron has been added to the water electrolytically when necessary.

Before discussing the details of these experiments, it will be well to describe somewhat the character of the unpurified filter gallery water.

CHARACTER OF THE FILTER GALLERY WATER

The water in the filter gallery is really a mixture of at least two waters entirely different in character. These waters mix

possible proportions, causing one, in the words of a distinguished engineer, Mr. Desmond FitzGerald, "to have a wholesome respect for it."

The amount of iron in the water varies with the season. Generally speaking, it is lower in the spring and summer, higher in the late fall and winter. Strange to say, the waters containing the lower amounts of iron are more difficult to treat than those containing the higher. The amount of iron in the water supply has gradually decreased since the meadows have been drained, and it now averages less than 0.2 parts per 100,000. A careful study of the analyses made by the State Board of Health during the past fourteen years shows that the highest amounts of iron are generally accompanied with low organic matter and low color, while the reverse is true with the samples containing the lowest amounts of iron.

The water-bearing layer in which the filter gallery is placed is overlaid with soil containing very much vegetable matter, as would be expected when one considers that the water-bearing layer underlies the large, flat meadow bordering the Ipswich River. When the summer rains fall on the surface of these meadows they percolate through the soil containing the vegetable matter and thence into the filter gallery. When the meadows are frozen and the stream is high, it is probable that a large part of the water comes from the ground water which flows toward the river, another part from the water which percolates from the river into the gallery.

One may conclude, therefore, that part of the water which is pumped from the filter gallery has the characteristics of a typical ground water which has flowed for some distance through sandy layers of soil, and part is the water which has percolated through the soil of the meadows more or less directly into the filter gallery.

The iron in the typical ground water, in the absence of great amounts of organic matter, can be readily removed by aeration, subsidence and filtration, while the organic matter in the water may prevent the precipitation of iron even after thorough aeration and subsidence for several days. When one considers that the propor-

tions of these two types of water in the filter gallery vary not only with the season of the year, but daily with different rates of pumping, the difficulties connected with the treatment of the water become apparent, and the necessity for careful consideration of the problem before its solution can be definitely affirmed, is evident. This is specially true because any plant must be readily adaptable at a moment's notice for the treatment of the water, no matter what its character may be or how it may vary.

EXPERIMENTS

Realizing that unless the experiments be conducted for a long period the conclusions could not be worked out in practice with any degree of certainty, your Honorable Board wisely decided to continue the test until all probable conditions should be thoroughly understood.

Experiments during 1892 by Desmond FitzGerald, C. E., resulted in his advice to purify the water by aeration, protracted subsidence and filtration.

In 1895 the State Board of Health, after a series of experiments, advised the abandonment of the present supply as soon as arrangements could be made to connect with the Metropolitan System. It also devised the adoption, temporarily, of some system of rapid filtration through sand. Following this advice, the Town installed rapid mechanical filters of the Warren type, and these are in operation today. They make use of chemicals, namely, lime and alum, and remove the iron to a satisfactory degree, although the added chemicals increase the hardness of the water about three-fold.

For the purpose of devising a method which would remove the iron without increasing the hardness of the water, the State Board of Health made extensive experiments during 1903, which resulted in advising the Town to treat the aerated water with metallic iron and to follow the treatment with filtration at a moderate rate through sand.

The experiments conducted during the past two years have

been devoted to the demonstration of this method; to the trial of improvements tending to decrease its cost and to gaining experience in the operation of the method with the varying character of the water from the filter gallery.

EXPERIMENTS WHERE THE WATER WAS TREATED BY CONTACT
WITH IRON CONTAINED IN A REVOLVING DRUM

The State Board of Health recommended that the water be treated by contact with iron in a reservoir. It recommended that the iron be in the form of strips, so that they could be removed from the water and scoured whenever they should become corroded. The experiments with the revolving drum were a modification of this device, with a view to decreasing the expense of treatment. During the experiments the water was passed through a revolving barrel containing particles of iron. The barrel was connected with an aerator, subsiding basins and sand filter, in such a way that the following combinations could be experimented with:

- (a) Iron treatment and filtration.
- (b) Iron treatment, aeration and filtration.
- (c) Iron treatment, subsidence and filtration.
- (d) Iron treatment, aeration, subsidence and filtration.

The experimental results are summarized as follows:

TABLE I.

Date	Aerator	Minimum Period of Subsidence	Rate Gals. per A per diam	Av. Parts of Iron per 100,000 in			Notes
				Wells	Treated Water	Filtered Water	
1904							
Aug. 24, 31	Yes	30 hours	6,000,000	.046	.250	.025	Filter clogged badly
Aug. 31, Oct. 6	No	30 hours	6,000,000	.094	.470	.101	Filter rested
Oct. 31, Dec. 28	Yes	30 hours	6,000,000	.176	.810	.074	Filter badly clogged. Iron penetrated sand layer
Filter scraped and new sand added.							
1905							
Jan. 2, Feb. 18	Yes	30 hours	6,000,000	.155	.59	.044	Idle Jan. 18 to 25
Feb. 27, Apr. 27	Yes	30 hours	6,000,000	.113	.538	.026	Idle April 9 to 14

During these experiments the iron gradually penetrated the sand layer and finally appeared in the effluent. The increase in the period of subsidence did not overcome this trouble, neither did resting and aerating the sand layer. The deep scraping of the filter and replacing of fresh sand therein bettered the results for a time only. In view of the expense of operating this process on a large scale, owing to the expensive construction involved and the power required to revolve large drums containing scrap iron, and also in view of the possibility of failure of the plant in practice, because no guaranty could be made that the water by direct contact with the iron would always take up just the suitable and proper amount of iron at all times of the day and year for the proper treatment of the water, it was decided to abandon the experiments with this process and to substitute for the barrel containing pieces of iron, iron plates through which electric current could be passed.

When these plates, arranged in pairs, are immersed in water to be treated and one of each pair of plates is connected with the positive and one with the negative pole of some machine for producing electric current, the water is decomposed and iron is added to the water in the presence of oxygen, in the form of ferric hydrate—a reddish brown precipitate. The electric current possibly effects a decomposition of combinations of iron and organic matter which are exceedingly difficult to remove from the water by aeration and subsidence. The excess of iron added has the effect of neutralizing the organic matter and by its absorptive power it carries down with it the iron originally present in the water, which being precipitated with the iron added electrolytically, is either retained in the subsiding tanks or is removed by the filter when the treatment is carried to the proper degree. The effect is similar to that produced by the contact of the water and iron. The advantage of the electrolytic device lies in the fact that the iron surface exposed may be very much reduced and that the amount of iron added to the water is always under the direct control of the attendant, because, other things being equal, definite amounts of electric current discharge definite amounts of iron into the water as it

comes in contact with the plates. This advantage is further increased because of the greater convenience and by the reduced cost of operation.

Experiments, therefore, were made, substituting the electrolytic device for the barrel. The results of these experiments are tabulated as follows :

EXPERIMENTS WITH THE ELECTROLYTIC IRON DEVICE.

TABLE II.

Date	Aerator	Minimum Period of Subsidence Hours	Rate Gals. per A per diam	Av. parts of Iron per 100,000			Notes
				Wells	Treated Water	Filtered Water	
1905							
Feb. 27 to Apr. 1	Yes	30	6,000,000	.118	1.025	.009	
Apr. 2 to Apr. 26	Yes	24	10,000,000	.109	0.844	.020	April 9 to 14, idle
Apr. 27 to May 12	Yes	48	10,000,000	.100	1.067	.017	Stopped by failure of dynamo
June 1 to June 7	Yes	48	10,000,000	.099	1.212	.016	
June 8 to June 21	Yes	48	10,000,000	.106	1.392	.052	Filter idle one day
June 22 to Aug. 5	Yes	60	6,000,000	.114	2.91	.112	Filter went out of service
Sept. 15 to Oct. 14	No	30	6,000,000	.141	1.27	.006	10 in. new sand added
Oct. 14 to Oct. 26	No	30	6,000,000	.168	1.50	.000	
Oct. 26 to Nov. 11	No	24	10,000,000	.207	1.200	.002	
Nov. 11 to Nov. 17	No	48	10,000,000	.200	1.100	.000	
Nov. 17 to Dec. 13	Yes	48	10,000,000	.190	1.089	.002	11 days idle
Dec. 13 to Dec. 31	No	48	10,000,000	.174	0.241	.000	No electric current

Average Iron in Filtered Town Water, .01.

It will be seen from the foregoing that with the exception of the period during June and July, the filters have given excellent results, and for the last five months have almost entirely removed the iron from the water without increasing the hardness thereof. When the inferior results were obtained, the filter was being operated at a rate of 6,000,000 gallons per acre per day, and the water was subjected to about 48 hours subsidence, preceded by aeration. The unfiltered water contained about two parts of dissolved oxygen per million. Strange to say, when aeration was omitted the efficiency of the filter was soon restored, and since that time no difficulty has been experienced in treating the water when the theory learned from this experience has been applied.

At this point it will be well to discuss briefly the theory of iron removal, as understood at present.

When ground waters like the Reading water are pumped to the surface, they are clear and when the amount of iron is high, they possess an inky or styptic taste. After standing for some time, however, the water first becomes opalescent, then turbid, and finally the particles producing the turbidity darken in color (or rust), gather in "flocks" and precipitate, leaving the water above the sediment clear, tasteless and almost free from iron. The above clouding and clearing of the water is caused by the changing of the iron from the unoxidized or soluble into the oxidized or insoluble form. The speed of this reaction depends upon the composition of the water, as will be shown beyond. The Reading water very often requires a long time for the complete precipitation of the iron, while the iron-bearing artesian waters of the Jersey coast precipitate within a few hours. Chemically considered, the process may be divided into four parts :

1. The absorption of oxygen from the air by the water.
2. The breaking down of the iron compound originally contained in the water into a compound that may be oxidized. This process is called hydrolysis.
3. The oxidation of the iron into the colloidal or gelatinous form of iron hydrate which though oxidized is, like starch, so

peculiar in structure that it remains in a state bordering upon solution (in this state it would not be retained by a filter) until

4. The iron hydrate gathers together into "flocks" or aggregates, and precipitates as the hydrated iron oxide or, as it is generally called, iron-rust.

The chemistry of this process is rather complicated and the action is retarded by the presence of many interfering substances, particularly carbonic acid and the organic acids which form a part of vegetable matters. Aeration serves to remove carbonic acid, and at Reading the experience shows that the organic acids may be removed either as at present, by neutralizing with lime, or as tried during these experiments, by adding metallic iron to the water either by contact or with the aid of an electric current. The compound resulting from the action of these organic acids and metallic iron seems to be oxidizable, and furthermore, this added iron combines with and removes the organic matter which interferes with the oxidation and precipitation of the iron originally contained in the water.

It has been the opinion in Europe and in this country that aeration could never be overdone, but the experiments at Reading show that when the water is of a certain character, the small amount of oxygen dissolved in the gallery waters effects a better removal of the iron than a large amount of oxygen added by artificial aeration, as was shown when the inferior results of last July were obtained. It is believed at the present time that when the water is aerated in an excessive degree it causes the rapid precipitation of the iron added electrolytically before it has time to combine and absorb the iron originally present in the water.

This phenomenon was demonstrated by bottle experiments which were first made on October 24th, and which have been continued daily until the present writing. These experiments were conducted in gallon bottles, which were filled with water and were allowed to stand twenty-four and forty-eight hours, after which the iron remaining in the water above the sediment was determined. Experiments were made with the water before and after treatment

with iron, which was added electrolytically. These experiments proved conclusively that for days at a time the iron in the aerated water, after treatment with iron (electrolytically) subsides much more rapidly than the unaerated water, while on the other hand, the unaerated gallery water precipitates its iron much more rapidly than after it is aerated. This goes to prove that the added iron and the original iron precipitate at different speeds, and it is the object of any plant designed to treat the Reading water to cause these precipitations to take place at about the same rate and time, in order that the larger amount of added iron when precipitating may induce the removal of the iron originally present in the gallery water.

AMOUNT OF IRON NECESSARY TO ADD TO THE WATER TO EFFECT SATISFACTORY PURIFICATION

During December, 1905, it has been necessary to add very little iron to the water to effect its satisfactory purification. In fact, during part of this month no electric current has been used, yet the iron removal has been complete. On the other hand, the water may at times require as much as 0.8 parts per 100,000, although recent experience indicates that much smaller amounts of iron will be necessary in the future on an average than were thought necessary at the beginning of the tests.

The greater the amount of iron added, the shorter the period which the filter can be operated without scraping its surface. Therefore it is an advantage to add as little iron to the water as will effect purification.

LENGTH OF PERIODS BETWEEN SCRAPINGS

The length of periods between scrapings has varied greatly. During some of the experiments it has been of only about ten hours duration; again the period has been over 160 hours. It should be borne in mind in this connection that the experimental filter has only 1 ft. depth of water above the surface of the sand, and that in practice filters are built with a water depth of 4 ft.

During the first part of the year considerable trouble was experienced with the clogging of the filters with air. This difficulty has been overcome by suitable devices for filling the filter from below, and at present the filters are running for about 5 hours a day for about three weeks at a time.

More data is desired along these lines before it can be definitely stated how long the periods between scrapings would be in practice, and for this reason among others the extension of the experiments is recommended. This is especially desirable in view of the fact that during certain times of the year plain subsidence and filtration will effect satisfactory removal of the iron from the water.

PERIOD OF SUBSIDENCE

Any purification plant which would be constructed would probably have to be built so that the devices for treating the water with iron would be operated during the daytime under the care of an attendant, while the filters would naturally operate day and night. This would require a sufficiently large subsiding basin to allow the filters to operate continuously. This basin would have to have a capacity of at least 24 hours flow. The present evidence goes to show that this period would suffice for the satisfactory treatment of the water.

AERATION

Aeration would probably not be necessary at Reading during a greater part of the year. Certain waters have been experimented with, however, which seem to be purified more rapidly with aeration than without.

ELECTROLYTIC IRON DEVICE

The addition of iron at certain times of the year, especially at the time when the amount of organic matter is high, is absolutely necessary for the satisfactory purification of the water by this method, but for the greater part of the year it is probable that little or no electricity would have to be used with the iron plates.

This method of adding iron to the water, applied for the first time in this connection, has worked with entire satisfaction, the amount of iron being at all times under the direct control of the attendant.

RATE OF FILTRATION

When the water is properly treated it seems to make no difference whether the filters are operated at a rate of 3,000,000, 6,000,000, or 10,000,000 gallons per acre per 24 hours. In other words, the treatment of the water is all important; the rate of filtration relatively unimportant. It is not believed, however, on account of the comparatively short periods between scrapings, that rates much higher than 10,000,000 gallons per acre per 24 hours could be used to an advantage.

SUMMARY

The results of the experiments to date may be summarized as follows:

1. The filter gallery water at Reading is one exceedingly difficult to treat on account of its rapidly changing character, and especially on account of those constituents which interfere with the rapid oxidation and precipitation of the iron contained in the water.

2. With the exception of certain details, the general process for the removal of the iron from the supply without increasing the hardness has been demonstrated to be entirely feasible.

During part of the year aeration, subsidence and filtration would suffice; during part, subsidence and filtration alone would effect removal of the iron. Again, the addition of iron electrolytically, with or without aeration as the circumstances demand, would be necessary in addition to subsidence for the satisfactory preparation of the water for filtration during the remainder of the year. The continuance of the experiments for a few months more is desired in order that more experience may be gathered with a water like that which occurred during June and July of 1905, and that more data may be obtained regarding the lengths of periods between scrapings under different conditions of operation.

The further continuance of these experiments is not very costly, as they are carried on under the immediate charge of your very competent pumping station engineer, who has spare time for this work, and again, this small annual expense is justified by the saving which might be effected if soft water could be substituted for hard, and if the present cost of filtering water could be reduced. For the last five years this latter has been as follows:

COST OF FILTRATION—READING WATER WORKS

1901 to 1905

	Per Annum
Wages	\$800 00
Interest on investment, \$21,000 x 4 per cent.	840 00
Sinking fund and repairs	678 00
Coal	248 00
Sulphate of alumina	281 00
Lime	154 00
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	\$3,001 00

The cost of filtered water then is about \$54 per million gallons. It may be said for comparison that the cost of filtering water at other small plants rarely exceeds \$25 per million gallons. The possible saving, therefore, makes the expenditure of a certain small annual amount for experiments a judicious step, and the writer recommends their continuance.

The experiments have been conducted under the direct charge of Mr. Frank F. Strout, to whose care and devotion to the work the success of the experiments is chiefly due. The writer also wishes to thank your Superintendent and the members of your Honorable Board for material aid in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully presented,

ROBERT SPURR WESTON.

Feb. 6, 1906.

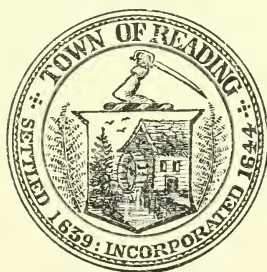
TOWN OF READING

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Electric

Light Commissioners



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1905

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

WM. S. KINSLEY, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	Term expires 1906
WALTER F. COOK, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	" "	1907
FRANK W. WILLIS	.	.	" "	1908

Manager

M. L. SWIFT

OFFICE: Room 9, Masonic Block

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REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONSTRUCTION

RECEIPTS

Appropriation for 1905, taken from receipts of Plant	\$3,000 00
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EXPENDITURES

ELECTRIC PLANT

Boston & Maine R. R.	\$1 04
The Bristol Co.	54 00
Rossiter, McGovern & Co.	271 80
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	426 28
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	7 35
Sundries	7 50
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	\$767 97

LINES

Pay Rolls	\$394 94
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	553 45
Boston Lumber Co.	189 00
Buffalo Specialty Mfg. Co.	73 48
Boston & Maine R. R.	1 36
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	\$1,212 23

ARC LAMPS AND GLOBES

Boston & Maine R. R.	\$31 37	
Western Electric Co.	377 58	
F. O. Dewey Co.	. . . . .	66 50	
Adams-Bagnall Co.	. . . . .	1,026 00	
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	. . . . .	7 75	
		<hr/>	\$1,509 20

METERS

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	. . . . .	\$628 16	
Boston & Maine R. R.	. . . . .	1 69	
		<hr/>	\$629 85

CONVERTERS

American Express Co.	\$3 85	
Boston & Maine R. R.	14 20	
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	65 52	
		<hr/>	\$83 57
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			\$4,202 82

SUMMARY

Total charges to Construction account	\$4,202 82	
Amount borrowed from Maintenance ac-			
count, 1904	1,208 15	
		<hr/>	\$5,410 97
Total credit to Construction account	3,000 00	
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Amount borrowed from Maintenance ac-			
count, 1905		\$2,410 97

RECAPITULATION

COST OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT DEC. 31, 1905

Total cost to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	\$85,134 75
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905

Electric plant	\$767 97	
Lines	1,212 23	
Arc lamps and globes	1,509 20	
Meters	629 85	
Converters	83 57	
	<u> </u>	\$4,202 82
		<u> </u>
		\$89,337 57
Construction stock on hand Dec. 31, 1905 .		980 43
		<u> </u>
Total cost to Dec. 31, 1905 . . .		\$88,357 14

MAINTENANCE

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	\$933 18
Amount loaned Construction Account 1904	1,208 15
Appropriation for Arc Light Rentals . .	7,590 00
	<u> </u>
	\$9,731 33
Cash from Commercial Incandescent Lights	\$4,852 53
Cash from Domestic Incandescent Lights .	6,611 92
Cash from Town Incandescent Lights .	282 93
Cash from Meter Rents	416 20
Cash from Wiring, Labor and Fixtures .	547 42
Cash from Incandescent Lamps	271 60
Cash from Coal	49 05
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$13,031 65

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$13,031 65
Cash from Miscellaneous Articles	1 98
Cash from Oil and Waste	9 10
Cash from Interest on Deposits	24 33
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	\$13,067 06
Less amount appropriated for Construction	3,000 00
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	\$10,067 06
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	\$19,798 39

EXPENDITURES

FUEL

Pay Rolls	\$15 50 *
Boston & Maine R. R.	488 15
E. C. Hanscom	69 45
S. P. Burton & Co.	2,741 13
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	\$3,314 23

OIL AND WASTE

Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	\$178 03
Boston & Maine R. R.	1 13
A. W. Harris Oil Co.	6 45
A. S. Cook & Co.	1 00
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	\$186 61

WATER

Reading Water Works	\$20 52
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STATION WAGES

Pay Rolls	\$2,921 99
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REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE

Wm. Hall & Co.	\$ 61
Pay Rolls	74 76
Wendell Bancroft & Co.	141 86
Francis Bros.	7 50
A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	2 08
Walter F. Cook	87 35
E. C. Hanscom	448 60
O. P. Symonds & Sons	5 50
Geo. A. Shackford	2 00
Geo. H. Atkinson Co.	8 00
Sundries	1 15

 \$779 41

REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT

T. C. Fife	32 24
W. Bancroft & Co.	9 50
R. P. Burgess	5 00
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	51 99
Cummings Express Co.	2 64
Sundries	5 05
Hayden & Co.	19 60
American Express Co.	1 20
H. R. Worthington	55
The Fairbanks Co.	6 50
Woburn Machine Co.	6 08
The Lumsden & Van Stone Co.	206 74
Robb-Mumford Boiler Co.	1 50
Boston & Maine R. R.	6 29

 \$354 88

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT

Pay Rolls	75 25
Bowker, Torrey & Co.	12 00
American Express Co.	14 92

Amount carried forward \$102 17

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$102 17
Byers & Smith	6 00
Geo. H. Atkinson Co.	55
Walter F. Cook	13 15
Cummings Express Co.	7 05
Francis Bros.	11 30
Geo. A. Shackford	5 00
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	199 36
Crown Woven Wire Brush Co.	18 00
The Fairbanks Co.	6 50
J. T. Freeman & Co.	9 90
General Electric Co.	16 08
E. W. Nash Co.	4 10
Sam'l Pierce Organ Pipe Co.	90
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	2 70
Condit Electric Mfg. Co.	6 50
Boston & Maine R. R.	1 53
Sundries	3 70
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	\$414 49

STATION TOOLS AND APPLIANCES

Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	\$57 03
Fred Wallace	14 21
Francis Bros.	35 85
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	3 48
Sundries	1 50
W. A. Dennison	15 35
Samuel Brown	8 50
American Express Co.	1 35
Western Electric Co.	2 25
Revere Rubber Co.	9 38
E. C. Metcalf	8 65
A. S. Cook & Co.	1 20
Hayden & Co.	20 00
Boston & Maine R. R.	35
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	\$179 10

WAGES, CARE OF LIGHTS

Pay Rolls	\$400 51
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REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS

Pay Rolls	\$792 01
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	353 37
Boston & Maine R. R.	43 44
American Express Co.	12 10
Francis Bros.	4 03
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	43 00
Sundries	8 40
Buffalo Specialty Mfg. Co.	39 57
Adams-Bagnall Co.	67 00
Union Hardware & Supply Co.	7 50
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	\$1,370 42

CARBONS

National Carbon Co.	\$107 57
Boston & Maine R. R.	4 37
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	16 99
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	\$128 93

INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Western Electric Co.	\$332 75
G. I. Arc Light Co.	18 47
Boston & Maine R. R.	50
Stuart-Howland Co.	13 03
F. O. Dewey Co.	20 00
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	1 34
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	\$386 09

GENERAL SALARIES

Pay Rolls	\$634 00
Board expenses	1 70

GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$99 20
Turner Mfg. Co.	26
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$99 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$99 46	
H. Prentiss, P. M.	96 30	
A. S. Cook & Co.	3 49	
Hobbs & Warren Co.	26 85	
Sundries	37 64	
Adams, Cushing & Foster	23 00	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co.	5 50	
The Bristol Co.	3 75	
Reading Chronicle office	42 05	
	<hr/>	\$338 04

RENTS

Masonic Temple Corporation	\$110 04
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INSURANCE

Prentiss & Viall	\$699 09
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INCIDENTALS

Dr. S. H. Parks, professional services	\$4 50	
A. P. Brooks, prints of plans	3 00	
E. F. Parker, Treasurer	5 53	
Lewis Murr	1 96	
	<hr/>	\$14 99

INTEREST

Interest on Bonds	\$1,600 00	
Interest on Notes	140 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,740 00

STABLE

F. P. Abbott	\$240 00	
Sundries	9 60	
P. J. Seaman	34 55	
Geo. A. Shackford	7 50	
F. W. Danforth	10 00	
C. D. Wells	29 00	
W. C. Taylor	14 15	
O. O. Ordway	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$349 00

WIRING, LABOR AND FIXTURES

Pay Rolls	\$29 28	
Stuart-Howland Co.	1 80	
Pettingell-Andrews Co.	63 26	
Boston & Maine R. R.	70	
American Express Co.	14 69	
Cummings' Express Co.	4 50	
Western Electric Co.	21 43	
McKenney & Waterbury Co.	52 31	
Sundries	10 26	
C. S. Knowles	4 50	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	10 45	
	<hr/>	\$213 18

NOTES

Edw. F. Parker, Treasurer	\$1,400 00	
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SUMMARY

Total credits, Maintenance account . . .	\$19,798 39	
Total charges, Maintenance account . . .	15,957 22	
	<hr/>	\$3,841 17
Amount loaned Construction account, 1905	\$2,410 97	
Cash on hand	1,430 20	
	<hr/>	\$3,841 17

RECAPITULATION

CREDITS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1904	\$933 18	
Amount loaned Construction account, 1904	1,208 15	
Appropriation for Arc Light Rentals . . .	7,590 00	
Total Receipts of Plant	13,067 06	
	<hr/>	\$22,798 39

Amount due for Light and Meter Rents		
Dec. 31, 1905	\$2,441	85
Amount due for Wiring, Labor, Fixtures		
and Incand. Lamps Dec. 31, 1905	337	78
Maintenance Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1905	1,943	67
	<hr/>	\$4,723 30
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		\$27,521 69

DEBITS

Fuel	\$3,314	23
Oil and waste	186	61
Water	20	52
Station wages	2,921	99
Repairs of real estate	779	41
Repairs of steam plant	354	88
Repairs of electric plant	414	49
Station tools and appliances	179	10
Wages, care of lights	400	51
Repairs of lines and lamps	1,370	42
Carbons	128	93
Incand. lamps	386	09
General salaries	634	00
Board expenses	1	70
General office expense	338	04
Rents	110	04
Insurance	699	09
Incidentals	14	99
Interest	1,740	00
Stable	349	00
Wiring, labor and fixtures	213	18
Note	1,400	00
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1904	1,771	22
Amount due for light and meter rent Dec.		
31, 1904	2,538	48
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$20,266	92

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$20,266 92
Amount due for wiring, labor and lamps	
Dec. 31, 1904	538 47
	<hr/> \$20,805 39
Balance gain for year	<hr/> \$6,716 30

INVENTORY

CONSTRUCTION STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1905

Meters	\$105 83
Converters	333 36
Lines	401 32
Arc lamps and globes	139 92
	<hr/> \$980 43

MAINTENANCE STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1905

Carbons	\$38 04
Oil and waste	25 55
Incandescent lamps	151 53
Repairs of lines and lamps	142 13
Station tools and appliances	141 14
Fuel	821 25
Wiring and labor	94 03
Stable	530 00
	<hr/> \$1,943 67
Total stock on hand Dec. 31, 1905	<hr/> \$2,924 10

Table showing the earnings each month from incandescent lights and meter rents and comparison with the previous year:

	Light	Meter Rents	Total 1905	Total 1904
January	\$1,482 28	\$33 70	\$1,515 98	\$1,266 82
February	1,179 89	34 30	1,214 19	1,083 77
March	1,038 18	35 60	1,073 78	1,122 33
April	921 24	36 70	957 94	806 75
May	737 44	35 20	772 64	698 45
June	629 14	36 20	665 34	993 52
July	515 89	32 30	548 19	478 22
August	658 38	36 10	694 48	734 96
September	1,018 66	39 70	1,058 36	989 93
October	1,311 25	35 20	1,346 45	1,355 39
November	1,672 22	37 80	1,710 02	1,554 20
December	1,880 64	39 40	1,920 04	1,808 99
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	\$13,045 21	\$432 20	\$13,477 41	\$12,893 33
Less discount allowed for cash payments			1,120 23	982 38
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			\$12,357 18	\$11,910 95

Our fellow citizens will kindly observe that the Light Department has a balance cash on hand of \$1,430.20; and this in the face of the fact that we have been obliged to meet some extraordinary and unlooked for expenses.

It must also be remembered that the appropriation for street lights was six hundred and ninety dollars less this year than last; also that the increased discount allowed for prompt payment reduced the receipts at the rate of nearly six hundred dollars for the year.

We stated in our last report that the old open arc street lamps were gradually being replaced by new enclosed arcs; and this process of renewal is now complete.

The grading at the plant was an expense which we would have been glad to avoid; but it was forced upon us by the accumulating of water in the basement.

We beg permission to compare the financial condition of the department today with that of four years ago when there were current bills to the amount of nearly four thousand dollars due and overdue and no money with which to pay them. At that time the Town was *raising* and appropriating money for construction, maintenance, interest and bonds. This year the money raised and appropriated for street lights together with the receipts from commercial and domestic lighting paid all bills—construction, maintenance, interest and a fourteen hundred dollar note. The two thousand dollar bond which came due in October was paid from the tax levy.

We believe this report shows the greatest balance gain—everything considered—of any year in the history of the department. Accidents only, can prevent a continuance of the prosperity during the present year.

In the matter of raising and appropriating money at the coming annual meeting the voters are likely to be caused some perplexity by a law passed last year and evidently prompted and dictated by the corporations for the purpose of crowding municipal ownership out of existence, thereby obtaining full sway for themselves and their exorbitant charges. This new law obliges the Town to raise more money than we need and is calculated to force all municipal ownership to make a poor showing.

This is a majority report.

WM. S. KINSLEY,

W. F. COOK,

Municipal Light Board.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF READING
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> , Walnut St.,	Term expires 1908
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Sec'y</i> , Washington St.,	“ “ 1906
HORACE G. WADLIN, WOBURN St.,	“ “ 1908
MRS. ELIZABETH H. BROWN, Prospect St.,	“ “ 1906
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH, Main St.,	“ “ 1907
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.,	“ “ 1907

Superintendent of Schools
MELVILLE A. STONE

Truant Officer
A. A. SMITH

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*

SUB-COMMITTEES

Finances and Accounts

G. L. Parker

H. G. Wadlin

Books and Supplies

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

School Houses and Property

H. G. Wadlin

H. C. Parker

G. L. Parker

Rules and Regulations

H. C. Parker

H. G. Wadlin

Mrs. Brown

Teachers and Salaries

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

G. L. Parker

Music and Drawing

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Nesmith

Course of Study

H. G. Wadlin

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In accordance with law and custom the School Committee submits the following report :

The past year has been an uneventful one, although we have experienced the same difficulties as in former years, in losing a large number of our teachers through our inability to pay the necessary salaries to retain them in the service of the Town.

In justice to the Superintendent, it should be stated that he has shown marked ability in selecting and engaging such a large number of skilful, successful young teachers to fill the large number of vacancies which have constantly occurred.

We have, however, comforted ourselves with the knowledge that a young, progressive, skilful teacher whom everybody wanted is far better for the town to hire for one or two years than the teacher who works for ten years whom nobody wants.

There has been considerable agitation of late in regard to the alleged fact, that the "three R's" are neglected in our schools and the time, which rightfully belongs to reading, writing and arithmetic is taken up in pursuing fads, so called, like drawing, music, manual training, geography, history and language.

That question has been discussed over and over again during the last fifty years, but whenever the old examination papers of the good old time of years ago have been resurrected and compared with the examination papers of recent date, the comparison has always been of such a nature that it has proved beyond a doubt that the reading, spelling, writing and in fact all of the so called practical studies are better taught and more thoroughly learned by the average pupil than ever before in the history of education.

Everybody, at all conversant with the subject, is aware that the pupil of twelve or fourteen years now in school can write a far better letter, in every respect, than the pupil of the same age of twenty-five or fifty years ago. A set of old examination papers has been recently found in Springfield and when compared with those of today the comparison is simply laughable.

Although it is undeniable that the work is better now than formerly, yet we are positive that it should be still further improved in many ways and the school officials are working with this purpose constantly in view. Emerson in one of his essays says that the "gods sell everything at a fair price."

A good training cannot be received by a pupil except by hard work. Most of the work must be done by the pupil and not the teacher if he is to reap the harvest.

HIGH SCHOOL

The work on the High School building is progressing rapidly and unless something unforeseen occurs we expect to occupy it in the Fall. It is our earnest desire that the sentiment expressed on the tablet in front, "for the benefit of all," will be verified during the years to come. We are looking forward with high hopes to splendid work which will be done there in the various departments of learning.

We earnestly invite the attention of every citizen to the reports herein contained and solicit the careful reading of the detailed financial report as indicating clearly the way in which the generous appropriation was expended.

The town at the last regular meeting instructed the committee to sell the school house on Main Street, which was done for the sum of seventy dollars, which was paid to the Town Treasurer.

We were also instructed to sell the Sheak house, which was sold for two hundred and fifteen dollars and that also was paid over to the Town Treasurer less ten dollars for auctioneer.

VACANCIES

The terms of Elizabeth H. Brown and Gilman L. Parker expire at the ensuing town meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee recommends the sum of \$27,000 for general school expenses and the sum of \$5000 for school incidentals. Also the sum of \$500 for insurance on the new building, and \$500 for furnishing two additional school rooms.

Adopted in School Committee, Feb. 10, 1906.

WALTER S. PARKER, Chairman.

GILMAN L. PARKER, Secretary.

MARY L. NESMITH.

HORACE G. WADLIN.

ELIZABETH H. BROWN.

HENRY C. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading:

My seventh annual report, the thirteenth of the series, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The past year has been one of great changes in the corps of teachers.

Of the High School corps Miss Florence B. Messer resigned to accept a position of large opportunity in the Springfield High School. Miss Mary J. Bourne accepted a larger salary to take the direction of the work in History at Melrose. Miss Alice I. Mandell also yielded to an offer considerably in advance of our own from Springfield. Mr. W. W. Keyes decided to accept the position of sub-master in the High School of Clinton, Mass., at quite an advance in salary.

These positions were filled by the election of Mr. E. N. Babcock, of Bates College, as sub-master and head of the department of Physical Science, Miss Helen P. Abbott of Vassar College, department of French and German, Miss Mary Gordon of Mt. Holyoke College, department of History, and Miss Natalie A. Smith of Wellesley College, department of English.

It is pleasant to be able to report that these teachers have carried on the work in their respective lines in a very creditable way.

Although seriously affected by the inconveniences of the old building and by the short periods, the school is doing work of which the people may be justly proud.

The adoption of the system of "diploma points" a year ago is working out the beneficial effects prophesied at that time.

In spite of the long hours for the teachers, 8.30 to 3.15 approximately, and the conditions requiring short periods for class-work and an overlapping of the first section of the school and the freshman class, which enters later, the scholarship of the school is maintained at its usual high standard.

This is due mainly to the splendid system by which the Master keeps informed of the condition of each pupil regarding his work as well as his conduct, and the manner in which he comes in contact with the pupils and their parents. For encouraging the slow, for spurring on the careless and lazy, for securing the hearty co-operation of the parents, Mr. Watkins is doing untold good to scores of our young people.

This year our course in History comes into conformity with the recent recommendation of the Committee of Ten on History for Preparatory Schools.

This year also expires the time limit of our certificate from the Board of New England Colleges, but with the record our graduates are making at Harvard, Wellesley, Mt. Holyoke, Mass. Institute of Technology, Amherst Agricultural College, Boston University, and other institutions, we have no reason to fear that it will not be renewed upon our application.

Another feature of the work in the Reading High School is the plan of having the teachers render reports to the Principal each week giving results of the preceding week and the plans for the coming week.

This makes the work so definite that much more is accomplished in the class than would be otherwise and at the same time enables the Master to know the condition of each class and the prospects for covering the requirements for any course undertaken. The teachers find this plan so helpful that even those who leave for other positions continue it though not required to do so.

The report of the Principal also shows athletics in the High School on a sound, rational basis, under the splendid management of sub-master E. N. Babcock.

The Athletic Association, heretofore numbering about seventy-five members, now enrolls about two hundred and twenty, and prospects are good for finishing the year with all bills paid, in spite of the outlook at the first of the year.

The Pioneer has become more of a periodical, being issued quarterly, under the control of a board of editors including representatives from each class, the alumni, and the faculty.

"It is a pleasure to record that every student who was authorized by the school to take examinations for higher institutions succeeded in passing in every subject without condition. Of the graduating class of 1905, one entered Harvard, two the Mass. Institute of Technology, one Wellesley, one Mt. Holyoke, one Tufts, and two the Normal Art School, and reports received from these students since their entrance show that the work of the teachers was thorough as well as effective."

Among the recommendations made is one calling for the lengthening of the course in Modern Languages.

French and German each need an additional year of work to compare favorably with that done in other schools, and what is more to the purpose, to give the necessary preparation for advance work.

In these days the graduates of technical schools find it necessary to read French and German works to keep informed on the progress along all scientific lines.

In the grades the following tendered their resignations: Miss Alice T. Nudd of Grade VIII, Miss Emma E. Morse of Grade VII, Miss May M. Badger of Grade VI, Miss Ada R. Evarts of Grade IV, Miss Gertrude B. Howard of the upper Grades of Chestnut Hill school.

Her many friends were saddened by the death of Miss Ruth E. Lane of Grade III, Union street school. She had rendered the schools of Reading very efficient service since Sept., 1901. Her quiet ways and tact in dealing with the young children made her beloved of all who made her acquaintance, and her loss is keenly felt.

As Mr. Makechnie declined to accept the contract offered him, his place was filled by the election of Mr. Leon R. Maxwell, who holds the degree of A. M. from Tufts, and who made special study of music while in college. He had also been in charge of glee clubs and choruses from the days of his work in the Medford High school. The work in Music is making good progress under his direction.

To provide for the work in the Grades left vacant, Miss Alice Hood was given the work in Grade VIII, and Miss Estes was transferred to her room of Grade VI, while Miss Barr in turn was transferred to Grade V thus vacated. Miss Ethel B. Macomber was secured for Grade VII, Miss Mary F. Osborne for Grade VI, Miss Fannie C. Whittemore and Miss Harriet M. Foster for the two rooms of Grade IV.

During December, 1905, Miss Paterson was elected at Everett at an increase of salary, so that it became necessary to secure a new teacher for her room of Grade VII. Miss Leonora W. Goodsoe was elected. Miss Edith A. Wright was transferred from the Lowell street school to the room of Grade III at the Union street school.

As Miss Annie P. Reid desired leave of absence for the fall term, Miss Ethel M. Flanders was secured to take that work.

The fourteen pupils of Grades V and VI who would have formed two-thirds of the school at Chestnut Hill, had it been continued, were given transportation to the Highland school at a considerable saving in expense.

The closing of the Sheak school gave us large primary schools at John street and the three teachers, Miss Wakefield, Miss Babcock, and Miss Parker, have together carried on this work by the application of the Batavia method of individual instruction, to some extent.

At Lowell street Miss Bessie M. Parker has been in charge and the work has been kept well up to standard. New pupils have entered till three additional seats were called for, making forty-five in all.

At the Prospect street school the former teachers still continue to render their faithful services to those living in that section.

The school at Chestnut Hill still continued, comprises the first four years of work and numbers twenty-four pupils, who enjoy their school life under the able management of Mrs. Florence Parker Atwood.

The crowded condition at the Highland school makes it certain that two rooms will be needed in the old or the new High School building to accommodate the pupils next September.

We have been fortunate in the matter of building the new High School in many ways, and this of providing room for the intermediate grades is not the least important.

An enrollment of 518 for ten rooms is too high an average for the modern, model school, and too great a task for a teacher to do full justice to.

REPAIRS

With reference to the repairs needed it is evident that the Prospect street school needs painting and it is probable that it will be necessary to shingle it before we can feel secure from the rains. The recent attempts at patching the roof have proved futile.

The roof of the old High School also gives trouble with every storm and no sure way of securing dry ceilings seems possible without applying new shingles. With the necessity of using the building for pupils of fourth grade this coming year, it seems proper to put the building in suitable condition both in regard to the roof and the steps which have hardly warranted expense for repairs for the past two years.

While the Highland School in a general way is still in good condition, the assembly hall is in need of paint and tinting. In a few places the masonry needs pointing.

COURSE OF STUDY

Our Course of Study is nearly ready to give to the printer and we expect to have it prepared in separate booklets for the different subjects. It is the outcome of the gradual changes that have

taken place during the past six and a half years of my term of supervision. A brief description may not be out of place in this report.

READING

With the proper combination of the word method, the phonic method and the sentence method, we find that our pupils are able to take up reading material of first reader grade without the use of the primer. This result has already been secured in the first half of this current year by the use of the Passaic Method devised by Supt. F. E. Spaulding of Newton.

In the second and third grades the pupils are made familiar with fairy tales, folk lore, and material giving a good idea of the life of children in other lands, while in all of the first three grades this subject matter is supplemented with memory gems for the purpose of introducing the pupils to the best in literature they can appreciate, and for bringing to bear upon their lives some wholesome lesson in morals or ethics.

In fourth, fifth and sixth grades, historical and geographical readers are used to supplement the regular study of history and geography, or rather perhaps to create a keen interest in these studies that receive more thorough treatment in the succeeding grades, by introducing interesting biographical sketches and vivid descriptions of noted places.

In seventh and eight grades the reading matter consists of selections from our classic writers and in some cases entire works are read and studied as literature.

Among the authors thus brought into requisition for this soul development are Longfellow, Whitter, Hawthorne, Lowell, Holmes, Bryant, Irving, Cary, Thaxter, Field, Alcott, Carroll, Kingsley, Jackson, Burnett, Harris, Ruskin, Cooper, Shakespeare, Dickens.

I am sure it is well worth all the effort it requires to give in this manner some faint glimpses into the great abundance of excellent writings available to all readers, while incidentally the truth of the few memory gems will permeate the life of many a child who otherwise would never know these beautiful passages.

ARITHMETIC

Our plan of giving no formal instruction in numbers in first grade is proving satisfactory. The objective teaching in second grade well fits the pupils to take the first book of the Werner Series of arithmetic the third year.

This series with the introduction of constructive geometry in seventh grade and the first principles of algebra in the eighth grade gives the pupils a good preparation for the mathematics of High School.

GEOGRAPHY

In the talks on nature study topics in the primary grades, the pupils are prepared for talks and reading lessons on home geography in third and fourth grades.

The Frye Series is in use as the basis of the work in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, while Tarr-McMurry, Carpenter, and Adams Commercial are used for supplementary work in the different grades as needed. Information is also derived from various other sources as the Tiffany Cabinet for a study of industries, and Stoddard's Lectures for vivid descriptions of various countries, a set of which was presented to the school by the publishers, Balch Brothers, of Boston. It is a fine acquisition to our library.

The Tiffany Cabinet was secured from the proceeds of an entertainment given Jan. 15th but planned for in December, so that mention of this addition to our equipment properly comes in this report.

The Cabinet is one of the best helps ever devised for the purpose of interesting pupils in a broad study of peoples and products of different lands. It deserves a more extended notice than the limits of this report will allow.

The entertainment given by Mrs. Southard, from the proceeds of which this was secured, was one that appealed to both old and young. Under the title of Hiawatha Mrs. Southard gave us several legends of the Indians, especially of the tribe of Ojibways, from

which, with other facts about their religious ideas, Longfellow derived his material for his poem, *Hiawatha*.

After this introduction she rendered portions of the poem in a manner to captivate both old and young, and as the stereopticon views were thrown upon the screen the murmur of admiration or the hush of rapt attention told the enjoyment of the audiences.

The first audience was composed of the primary children and those of fourth and fifth grades; the second of pupils of sixth, seventh and eighth grades, both of which were held in the afternoon at the Highland Hall. In the evening the parents and others interested attended.

Mrs. Southard did credit to her elocutionary training and showed a thorough appreciation of the poem, all of which resulted in making the entertainment one of the finest for schools it was ever my privilege to attend. Aside from its office in purchasing the Cabinet it is one of the best programs that could be given to schools in these days when so much is made of the study of primitive races as a means of developing the childhood of our own race.

Our equipment was enlarged by the purchase of a large number of stereoptic views of noted places by the last graduating class of the Highland School.

In addition a full set of Relief Maps was secured nearly a year ago, thus making our equipment for the teaching of geography well up to the standard of the best schools in the State.

HISTORY

As stated under our consideration of Reading, we aim to interest the pupils of the grades below the sixth in the prominent men and great events of our nation's history.

In the sixth grade we devote more time to the study of the subject, using Montgomery's *Beginners History* and using other recent books of like grade on certain topics.

The continued use of the *Ivanhoe Historical Note Book* in seventh and eighth grades makes the study of history in these grades more definite and proves a better preparation for similar

study in High School, or for self culture from historical reading in later life in case the course in High School is not found practical.

Several books in the reference library are made use of in the topical treatment of various portions of the ground covered.

Additional material of this sort could be used to advantage and we hope in time to see the equipment in reference books more complete.

LANGUAGE

It may be easily inferred from our statements regarding reading and number work in the first grade that our chief attention is given to language.

We aim to give the child a large vocabulary and teach the meaning of words through their association in the sentence as well as by the sound and by the association of the spoken word with the visible object.

The Passaic Method by making use of selections to be memorized makes use of this idea of gaining a knowledge of the meaning of words from the context, and gives an opportunity to introduce good models of sentences from selections of good literary merit.

As soon as the pupils have mastered a sufficient number of words they are allowed to copy sentences from the book or the board. In all their work they are trained to give correct oral expression, and are led to do their best in written work.

In the third grades the past year quite a rivalry has been going on by use of letter writing, in connection with which envelopes of their own make have been used and a letter box made at the manual training room.

In the fourth, fifth and sixth grades the work is carried on according to the plan of the Webster-Cooley series of language books, which have been in the hands of the teacher until recently when the books were provided for the pupils.

This plan treats of selections from our standard writers in a way to give the pupils good ideas of what constitute good style in

composition, while at the same time the technical terms of grammar are gradually introduced in the course.

In seventh grade the pupils are given Saye's Practical Grammar which deals with "Evangeline" in a way to bring out the beauties of the narrative, the fine points of diction, and an ever increasing knowledge of grammatical structure of the language.

With regular constructive work in composition in seventh and eighth grades and still more difficult work in grammar in eighth grade our pupils are found well fitted to undertake the college requirements in English in the High School while those who cannot attend High School have a little experience in a proper method of getting enjoyment from the reading of good literature.

In all the grades careful attention is given to the spelling of such words as come in the daily work of the school, but with the frequent change of teachers in our grammar schools, it is well nigh impossible to carry on this part of the work with proper system. I therefore recommend the use of a spelling book in grades beyond the third.

PHYSIOLOGY

The course follows the recommendations of the Committee of Twelve, with such modifications as our other work requires.

MUSIC

Our work follows in general the plan of the Normal Music Course, but more and more individual work is required in all grades with the result that all chorus work is improved with the resulting independence in singing, of each pupil.

DRAWING

This work is carried along according to three distinct general lines, drawing from natural objects, using the brush with ink or water colors; mechanical drawing, calling for measurements; constructive work, ranging from the toys and other simple objects of first grade to the complex designs of the upper grammar grades and of the High School.

With increased facilities in the new building I urge the necessity of giving more attention to drawing in case of those who intend to enter Normal Schools or any of the Technical Schools.

MANUAL TRAINING

With paper cutting and pasting in the primary grades, cardboard construction for the next two grades, sewing for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades for the girls, and sloyd work for the boys, we have the means for developing much of the natural talent that otherwise would remain undiscovered, and in addition have found a solution of the problem of getting the slow and backward pupils interested in all school work.

With time taken from the three R work we continually find that the three R work grows better, more power to fix attention upon the thing in hand is gained, more interest in all that pertains to school life.

SCHOOL GARDENS

Again our pupils put forth great effort to show a well kept garden at home, and in spite of the difficulties of the season they made a very creditable display in the fall.

We appreciate the efforts of the Woman's Club to encourage those who made the attempt.

It is only by a hearty cooperation of all who are interested in this work that it can be carried to its highest success.

HUMANE EDUCATION

Besides the effort to instil right purposes and right motives in living by means of suitable selections of literature and by taking advantage of current events, we make special endeavor to give our pupils an insight into the claims of the dumb animals about us for kind and humane treatment.

The schools organized as Bands of Mercy give from time to time programs to illustrate the almost human characteristics of some of our domestic animals, and the information thus gained without doubt has led most of our boys to treat these animals with much greater consideration than they otherwise would.

The fact that a few of the 1150 pupils do not yield to all these good influences thrown around them simply shows that the home and the school are not yet cooperating in these matters so as to secure the most desirable results. Let parents and teachers draw nearer.

STAMP SAVING

In these days when thrift is so necessary to enable one to meet the responsibilities of life successfully, it is a good thing for children of school age to be given the opportunity to learn how to say no to many of the temptations to spend their pennies for trifles, and so learn early in life that self-denial in small matters is the key to future happiness so far as it depends upon having at hand the necessary money to meet important needs.

The interest in this work still continues and our pupils have saved \$247.45 since the opening of the schools in September or \$614.91 for the entire year Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1905.

Again we are glad to acknowledge our indebtedness to the members of the Woman's Club who have rendered us valued assistance during the year.

In all these ways we endeavor to bring the children into vital contact with nature about them, with the best in the lives of their ancestors as they read and study Literature and History, with the best of human kind we can secure for teachers, who have a true ideal of their mission and the skill to arouse the response that means soul growth for the child.

Again I gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to the teachers for their hearty cooperation and staunch loyalty, and to you, members of the committee, for your support and kindly encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

FROM JAN. 1, 1905, TO JAN. 1, 1906

To the Superintendent:

Number of cases reported to me	.	.	.	.	.	53
Number found to be truancy	.	.	.	.	.	28
Number claimed to be cases of illness	.	.	.	.	.	11
Number insufficiently clad	.	.	.	.	.	3
Number kept at home	.	.	.	.	.	10
Number over 14 years of age	.	.	.	.	.	2
Number induced to return to school	.	.	.	.	.	51

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH,

Truant Officer.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

READING HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1905

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21

AT 7.30 O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

"Row not Drift"

PRAYER

REV. WILLIAM H. PARKER

MEMORIES OF OLD BOSTON

(Salutatory)

FLETCHER NICHOLS ROBINSON

THE NATION OF THE TWO EXTREMES

LULU BEEBE GOULD

THE LOST CHORD

Sir Arthur Sullivan

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

THE CHARLES RIVER BASIN

LESTER KIMBALL PRATT

THE RELIGIOUS AWAKENING OF WALES

MARION FLINT BUCK

THE MILLER'S WOOING

Faning

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

CHILD LABOR

JAMES HENRY CONNELLY

AN ARTIST ARTIZAN

GLADYS SEWALL NICHOLS

DAMASCUS MARCH

Costa

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

RAYMOND BARRUS TEMPLE

THE LEGEND BEAUTIFUL

(Valedictory)

RUBY WILLIS

GOOD NIGHT, FAREWELL

Garrett

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

BENEDICTION

REV. WILLIAM H. PARKER

GRADUATES 1905

COLLEGE COURSE

Marion Flint Buck	Fletcher Nichols Robinson	Ruby Willis
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SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Sidney Freeman Brown	Ralph William Stone
Roy Howard Hoffman	Raymond Barrus Temple
Harold Raymond Johnson	Laurence Somerby Winchester
Robert Emerson Parker	Loring Frost Wilcox

NORMAL COURSE

Marjory Bond

GENERAL COURSE

Harry Ardine Allen	Fred Conrad Herbolzheimer
Laura Amanda Barr	Alice Erele Hunt
Agnes Frances Barrett	Fannie Josephine Ide
Elmer Willard Barrett	Nellie Cordelia Jones
Harold Hewes Boardman	Florence May Lovejoy
Walter MacDonald Brennan	Mabel Lavinia MacKay
Charles Norman Bruorton	Flora Young Milbury
Bertha Gould Buckle	Deborah Briggs Nash
Elva Myrtle Claggett	Gladys Sewell Nichols
James Henry Connelly	Inez Wood Nichols
Genevra Herbertine Danforth	William Francis O'Brien
Grace Maude Eaton	Ruby Amelia Oxley
Helen Alberta Francis	Lucia Hastings Parker
Frederick Hanson Gear	Lester Kimball Pratt
Sydna Harwood Gill	Mary Magdelene Riley
Grace Isabel Gowing	Rose Elvira Stone
Alice Valpey Gould	Agnes Church Tucker
Lulu Beebe Gould	Maisie Hammal Tucker
Sarah Alice Griffiths	Teresa Frances Wall
Mildred Davenport Haley	Mildred Arleta Wood
Emily Grace Hay	

GRADUATES OF THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL, JUNE, 1905

BOYS

Abbot, Lyman E.
 Black, Lawrence K.
 Chase, Roger P.
 Davis, C. Edwin
 Davis, Harold F.
 Doucette, Frank P.
 Eames, Ralph
 Ellison, Guy W.
 Field, Elmer D.
 Foote, Ward
 Forbes, G. Paul
 Gill, Maurice P.
 Griffiths, Eleazer H.
 Hallett, Howell K.
 Hodgdon, Carl A.
 Hunnewell, Hillman B.
 Jewett, Malcolm W.
 Johnson, Leslie F.
 Maguire, Joseph
 McIntire, Calvin R.
 Muise, William
 Murphy, Howard J.
 Nichols, Roy R.
 Ordway, Kyle R.
 Parker, Lawrence
 Robinson, Harold
 Sullivan, Daniel L.
 Stembridge, A. Reginald
 Stevens, Thomas W.
 Surette, Leo
 Talbot, Geo. W.
 Thorburn, John H.
 Trenholm, Victor
 Turner, Fred
 Twombly, W. Fletcher
 Upton, Harold F.
 Warren, Perley S.
 Webb, James

GIRLS

Bartlett, Annie
 Bramwell, Maybelle J.
 Campbell, Agnes
 Chadwick, Ada A.
 Cleveland, Mary E.
 Cullinane, Nellie F.
 Cummings, Josephine
 Davies, Dorothy
 Doran, Phoebe
 Doucette, Florence M.
 Doyle, Alberta R.
 Eames, Eleanora
 Field, Eva L.
 Flint, Marion L.
 Granger, Zelda
 Hamilton, Mildred E.
 Hopkinson, Marion
 Leavitt, Lena E.
 MacDonald, Ethel F.
 Marr, Natalie
 Mason, Pearl
 McCormick, Anna
 McIntire, Emma G.
 McKenney, Louise M.
 McMonagle, Ruth E.
 Michelini, Claudia
 Murray, Winnie
 O'Brien, Christine F.
 O'Connell, Mildred
 Pease, Marion J.
 Pecot, Madeline
 Robertson, Rose E.
 Smith, Elizabeth
 Smith, Hermione A.
 Stone, Grace E.
 Strout, Ethel L.
 Wakefield, Helen L.
 Warner, Nellie
 Weafer, Ellen
 Welch, Susie W.
 Wells, Myrtle D.
 Wickens, Bertha L.
 Young, Vera

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE
BOARD IN APRIL, 1905, AND OTHER
ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	832
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	853
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	890
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	915
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	967
" 1904	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	938
" 1905	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	972

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	680
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	636
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	682
" 1904	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	758
" 1905	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	698

Length of school year, 1904-1905 40 wks.

Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. 36.5

Actual length of school year 8 mos. 3.5 dys.

Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending

June 24, 1904 1146

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months
of school year:

YEAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spc.	Tot'l
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050
1904	129	131	116	116	95	91	109	86	79	60	53	54	4	1123
1905	129	118	130	124	105	104	88	100	85	76	45	48	4	1156

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations:

General for Superintendent, teachers, janitors and fuel	\$27,000 00
Contingent, for incidentals, books and supplies	5,000 00
Rent	26 00
Overdraft	19 85
Received for tuition	983 00
Received for rebate on insurance of Sheak building	19 20
Received for repairs	6 23
Received for material sold	2 98
	<hr/> \$33,057 26

EXPENDITURES

Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel	\$25,105 38
Paid incidental expenses	3,048 71
Paid for books and supplies	3,008 15
Paid Superintendent of Schools	1,200 00
Transportation	664 00
Truant Officer	30 00
Total expenses	<hr/> \$33,056 24
Balance	<hr/> \$1 02
General appropriation	\$27,000 00
Paid Superintendent	\$1,200 00
Paid teachers	20,859 29
Paid janitors	1,918 87
Paid fuel	2,327 22
Paid transportation	664 00
Paid Truant Officer	30 00
	<hr/> \$26,999 38
Unexpended balance	<hr/> 62

Appropriations for incidentals and supplies	\$5,000 00	
Received for tuition	893 00	
Received rebate on Sheak House Ins.	19 20	
Received overdraft	19 85	
Received on repairs	6 23	
Received for material sold	2 98	
Received for rent	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,057 26
Paid incidental expenses	\$3,048 71	
Paid for books and supplies	3,008 15	
	<hr/>	\$6,056 86
Unexpended balance		<hr/> 40

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Harry T. Watkins	\$2,030 00	
W. W. Keyes	510 00	
Ervin N. Babcock	380 00	
Jennie F. Currier	750 00	
Jennie E. Wier	750 00	
Alice W. English	670 00	
Edith R. Clapp	670 00	
Marion G. Richardson	610 00	
Mary J. Bourne	450 00	
Mary Gordon	280 00	
Alice I. Mandell	450 00	
Florence B. Messer	390 00	
Natalie A. Smith	200 00	
Helen P. Abbott	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,340 00

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Alice Barrows	\$1,000 00
Emma S. Page	650 00
Alice T. Nudd	225 00
Emma E. Morse	327 93
Alice E. Hood	500 00
Wilhelmina Patterson	450 00
Ethel B. Macomber	180 00
Mrs. Abbie P. Granger	89 00
Edith A. Estes	503 97
Mary C. Fowle	1 03
May M. Badger	259 04
Mary F. Osborne	180 00
Elsie Pratt	84
Delia M. Holman	419 82
Mary H. Barr	410 00
Ada R. Evarts	296 25
Bessie M. Parker	8 61
Harriet M. Foster	159 65
Agnes Ordnung	10 35
Fannie C. Whittemore	160 00
	<hr/> \$5,831 49

UNION STREET SCHOOL

Laura C. Pollard	\$550 00
Ruth E. Lane	285 00
Edith A. Wright	170 00
Ethel M. Flanders	134 75
Annie P. Reed	240 00
Mary Wiley	5 25
Marion H. Morgan	460 00
	<hr/> \$1,845 00

JOHN STREET SCHOOL

M. Grace Wakefield	\$462 53	
Mary Wiley	33 02	
Myra K. Parker	423 41	
Mabel Darrah	147 19	
Florence E. Babcock	291 65	
	<hr/>	\$1,357 80

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL

Margaret C. Duncan	\$473 22	
Bessie M. Parker	1 78	
Clara B. Wright	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$925 00

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL

Gertrude B. Howard	\$240 00	
Mary Wiley	75	
Florence Parker Atwood	409 25	
	<hr/>	\$650 00

LOWELL ST. SCHOOL

Edith A. Wright	\$240 00	
Bessie M. Parker	140 00	
	<hr/>	\$380 00

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Annie B. Parker, drawing	\$425 00	
Grace E. Barclay, sewing	125 00	
Walter F. Brackett, manual training	480 00	
Ernst Makechnie, music	300 00	
Leon R. Maxwell, music	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,530 00

JANITORS

Clement Gleason	\$929 34
(Highland)	
Charles L. Gowing	400 00
(High and Primaries)	
Robert Powers	100 00
(High and Primaries)	
D. Pigueron	148 00
(High and Primaries)	
T. Cummings	121 33
(Prospect St.)	
Robert E. Parker	72 00
(Chestnut Hill)	
Charles F. Bessom	50 00
(Lowell St.)	
Frank Headley	77 25
(John St.)	
Mary E. Riley	5 00
(Lowell St.)	
R. P. Chase	3 50
(Highland)	
John Thorburn	12 45
(Highland)	
	<hr/> \$1,918 87

FUEL

Bancroft, W. & Co.	\$1,512 99
Barrows, H. C.	5 00
Batchelder, A. E.	72 00
Bessom, Chas. F.	12 00
Boston & Maine R. R.	66 45
Chase & Colby	4 20
Cummings, T.	1 00
Downs, E. T.	533 72

Amount carried forward

\$2,207 36

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,207 96
Hanscom, E. C.	55 50
Killam, J. Warren	2 00
Michelini, A.	12 36
Nelson, C. W.	30 00
Parker, Robert E.	20 00
	<hr/> \$2,327 22

TRANSPORTATION

Borthwick Brothers	\$384 00
Boston & Northern St. Ry. Co.	280 00
	<hr/> \$664 00

TRUANT OFFICER

A. A. Smith	\$30 00
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Total General Fund	\$26,999 38

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Allen, Hall & Co.	\$120 00
American Express	9 42
American School Furniture Co.	252 03
Atkinson, Geo. H.	9 00
Babb, Edward E.	1 50
Badger, E. B. & Son	2 00
Bancroft, Lewis M.	29 02
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	26 96
Batchelder, H. W.	7 92
Bent, L. G.	3 96
Bessom, Chas. F.	8 75
Bosson, H. P.	18 00
Boston & Maine R. R.	2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$490 56

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$490 56
Burgess, R. P.	12 00
Chandler & Barber	12 00
Clapp, R. D.	62 99
Cook, W. F.	21 12
Congregational Church	10 00
Cummings Express	72 52
Cummings, T. J.	16 83
Eames, H. L.	3 65
Eames, L. T.	6 20
Edgerley & Bessom	6 00
Fife, T. C.	55 11
Francis Bros.	383 38
Franklin, A. B.	87 28
Fuller, Seth W. & Co.	11 20
Gleason, J. W.	7 00
Hanmett, J. L. Co.	10 88
Hanscom, E. C.	53 40
Hartshorne, W. O.	13 25
Johns, W. H.—Manville Co.	9 95
Johnson, H. R.	162 58
Ladd, Frederick A.	12 25
Lefave, J. A.	3 50
Lefave, Reuben J.	196 33
MacDonald, F. G.	54
Magee Furnace Co.	3 50
Makechnie, Ernst	19 35
Masonic Temple Corporation	12 00
Meehan, P. H.	55 46
Metcalf, E. C.	3 78
Miller, Henry F. & Co.	14 00
Municipal Light Board	29 08
Murphy, J. A.	9 00
Muse, John	21 78
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,888 47

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,888 47
Nichols, M. E.	145 00
Ordway, O. O.	5 60
Paine Furniture Co.	22 50
Parker, Asa	3 00
Peoples' Gas & Electric Co.	37 00
Prentiss & Viall	70 80
Quinlan, M. S.	11 30
Reading Police Dept.	10 00
Reading Water Dept.	196 04
Smith, A. A.	40 00
Smith Premier	2 25
Stone, Melville A.	182 24
Thorp & Martin	7 30
Tileston & Livermore	1 75
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	204 99
Typewriter Exchange	32 00
Ward, S. & Co.	5 50
Watkins, H. T.	38 57
Weston, J. W.	1 50
Wightman, W. H.	71 26
Walworth Mfg. Co.	39 13
Zwicker, Jason	33 00
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	\$3,048 71

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Allyn & Bacon	\$ 12 72
American Book Co.	296 82
Appleton, D. & Co.	43 45
Atkinson, Geo. H.	33 00
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover	217 13
Babb, Edward E. & Co.	269 65
Baird, A. F.	10 75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$883 52

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$883 52
Bancroft, W. A. & Co.	86 15
Barclay, Grace E.	2 44
Barnard, F. J. & Co.	161 99
Boston Music Co.	3 00
Bradley, Milton Co.	75 94
Burditt & Williams	1 85
Central School Supply Co.	50 00
Chandler & Barber	1 71
Charles, M. F.	3 08
Cook, A. S. & Co.	9 60
Copeland & Co.	52
Dallman, Herbert I.	28 50
Eagle Pencil Co.	36 35
Eimer & Amend	11 32
Frost & Adams	7 00
Ginn & Co.	515 06
Hall, Arthur W. Sci. Co.	37 50
Hammett, J. L. & Co.	52 35
Heath, D. C. & Co.	91 01
Hobbs & Warren	2 25
Holcomb, J. I. Mfg. Co.	39 00
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	111 45
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	30 50
King, Geo. F. & Co.	82 46
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co.	283 99
Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co.	30 00
Novello, Ewer & Co.	4 02
Old Corner Book Store	3 50
Parker & Page	54 37
Reading Cooperative Asso.	1 50
Sanborn, Benj. H. & Co.	35 00
Scarborough Co.	5 25
Schmidt, A. P.	1 60
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,743 78

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,743 78
Schoenhoff Book Co.	16 71
Sibley & Co.	7 57
Silver, Burdett & Co.	30 79
Stone, Melville A.	2 20
Storrs, A. & Bement Co.	8 45
Talbot Co.	3 00
Thorp & Martin Co.	9 00
Typewriter Exchange	67 30
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	6 25
Ward, Samuel Co.	25 90
Willis, W. H.	6 81
Winchester, Geo. A.	28 50
Woods, J. M. & Co.	51 89
	<hr/> \$3,008 15

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$900 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1904 . .	554 23
Minor credits	1 30

EXPENSES

Rent :

Odd Fellows' Building Association . .	\$537 50
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Light :

Reading Municipal Light Department .	\$44 41
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Salaries :

Bertha L. Brown, librarian . .	\$300 00
Clover Granger, assistant . .	25 25
C. H. Stinchfield, janitor . .	38 50
	\$363 75

Books :

W. B. Clarke Co.	\$23 75
Old Corner Book Store, Inc. . .	262 83
Chas. E. Lauriat Co.	145 94
H. W. Wilson Co.	18 00
E. B. Hall	14 25
L. C. Page & Co.	1 00
A. W. Danforth (periodicals) . .	42 60
	\$508 37

Sundries :

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	\$1 50
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\$1,455 53	\$1,455 53
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FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1905	\$142 95	
Rec'd from sale of catalogues, cards, fines, etc.	67 65	
	<hr/>	\$210 60
Paid for expressage and incidentals . . .		14 04
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Balance		\$196 56

The following volumes have been presented to the Library:

NAMES OF DONORS	NUMBER OF VOLUMES
U. S. Documents and Reports	33
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . .	12
Others	4
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	49

Number of new volumes added (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1905)	288
Total number in library	10,425
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1905 .	18,136
Largest single month, March	1,828
Smallest, October	1,377

The appropriation made by the Town at its last annual meeting was \$900, and the proceeds of the dog tax which amounted to \$554.23. A minor credit of \$1.30 carried the total direct income of the library to \$1,455.53. The entire amount has been expended for rent, expenses of maintenance (librarian's service and assistance, and janitor) books, periodicals, and sundries as appears in detail in the foregoing financial statement.

The total fixed charges of the library as now administered include \$360 for the salary of the librarian, \$600 for rent, and in addition the cost of assistance to the librarian, janitor's service and electric light, approximately \$120. The expense of replacing books

worn out, the cost of rebinding and repairing, and of necessary stationery such as library cards, book slips, etc., must also be met each year, and none of these fixed charges can be reduced. The margin between such necessary expenses and the limit fixed by the appropriation is not very great and restricts the purchases of books and periodicals to narrow proportions. The demand upon the library constantly increases, and may be expected to do so as the population increases, and especially as the connection between the library and the schools becomes more complete.

The educational side of the library, as distinguished from its merely popular side, is continually becoming more important and might be much further expanded with profitable results, if the means at our command permitted. We alluded last year to certain purchases which had been made to supply the requirements of study classes connected with the Woman's Club. As the work of these classes enlarges, and the interest increases in various other societies in town which are engaged in the study of art, music, or literature the requests for books will become more numerous, and such legitimate requirements as are placed upon the library in this way ought to be met. When the new high school is opened the relation of that institution to the library will be intimate. The field of library usefulness as will be seen is a broad one, and the Trustees desire to cover it fully.

The present librarian, Miss Brown, is interested in her work, is familiarizing herself with what is being done elsewhere, and will, we are confident, endeavor at all times to serve efficiently the wants of those who visit the library.

We have not recently asked for an increased appropriation, knowing full well the demands made upon the town and the necessity for economy in every direction. On the other hand, we accepted without question a reduction of \$100, made in 1903.

During the year just ended, however, our rent has been increased \$125, and unless we are given a corresponding increase at the ensuing town meeting, this will operate as a further reduction in our resources. We recommend therefore that this increase in

our annual expense, which we cannot avoid and for which we are not in any way responsible, be met by raising our appropriation from \$900 to \$1000, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax. If this is done we shall then receive only the amount entrusted to us out of the tax levy in 1902 and for several years previously, when the demands upon us were neither as numerous nor as important as they are now, and, as will be seen, we shall have no more money to apply to the work of the library than we have had this year, or in any year since 1902.

During the year the new books have been carefully selected, especially with reference to books other than fiction, having permanent as well as immediate interest. The titles of these books have been printed in *The Reading Chronicle*, entered upon the card catalogue at the library, and the books themselves put upon open shelves where they can be examined by our patrons.

We may, perhaps, attract the attention of some who would otherwise overlook the more important recent additions by briefly summarizing them here. In the field of biography we have recently acquired, largely in condensed and popular form, lives of James Russell Lowell, Paul Revere, James G. Blaine, Sidney Lanier, Charlotte Bronte, Andrew Marvell, Alfred Russell Wallace (autobiography), Charles Lamb, Sir Thomas Browne, James Watt (by Carnegie), John Knox, Mary Queen of Scots, Edward Fitzgerald, Mohammed, St. Patrick, and St. Catherine of Sienna (letters). All of these are written from the modern point of view, and are among the publications of the year. In selection, they cover subjects famous in literature, political life, science, and religion.

In the domain of travel, descriptions of foreign countries, etc., we have *The Dickens Country*, *The Far Eastern Tropics*, *The Fair Land of Tyrol*, *Chinese Life in Town and Country*, *The Jordan Valley*, *The St. Lawrence River*, *Old Provence*, *Modern India*, *With the Empress Dowager, (China)*, and *the Land of the Great White Czar (Russia)*.

In history : *The Sea Power in the War of 1812*, *England and*

the Holland of the Pilgrims, The German Struggle for Liberty, The Brothers' War (view of the Civil War from a Southern standpoint), Life in the 18th Century, History of Egypt, Reminiscences of Peace and War, Reminiscences of the Civil War, History of Our Own Times, The Second French Empire, The American Nation, (the first ten volumes of the series of twenty-eight), The Valerian Persecution, and American Diplomacy.

In science, natural history, outdoor life, etc., we have: Man and the Earth, North American Land Birds, Young Folks' Cyclopaedia of Natural History, Wasps, Social and Solitary, How to Make a Vegetable Garden, How to Keep Bees, Wild Wings, The Horse, First Book of Farming, Our Native Orchids, Home Life of Wild Birds, American Insects, The Outlook to Nature, The Tree Book and Roses, How to Grow Them.

In the field of art, music, etc., we have: The Paintings of the Louvre, The Greek Painters, The History of Architecture (Fletcher), History of Ancient Sculpture (Mitchell), The Interdependence of the Arts (Sturgis), Giotto (de Selincourt), Albert Durer (Moore), Old Masters and New (Cox), Musical Studies (Newman), and the Story of the History of Music.

Miscellaneous books of timely interest include: Balloons, Airships and Flying Machines, Motors and Motoring, The Book of the Automobile, Russia and its Crisis, and The Camera in the Fields (practical hints on outdoor photography).

These are simply a few of the more important titles. Several important works of reference have been added, and the accessions include works in the departments of religion, poetry, essays, etc., as well as a carefully selected list of the best works of fiction published during the year, books for younger readers, etc. Certain volumes required for the use of teachers have been added from time to time and others purchased upon the request of readers.

The Trustees, in order that it may be made a part of our official record, regret to report the death of Mr. Harley Prentiss, one of our Board, which occurred on the fifteenth of June. He had been a member of the Board for several years, constant in

his attendance at our meetings, enthusiastic in promoting the usefulness of the library, efficient and helpful in the public interest. By his death the Town suffered the loss of a faithful and energetic servant. The vacancy thus created has continued, and should be filled at the ensuing Town Meeting.

The term of Henry G. Kittredge expires.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, Chairman,
CYRUS M. BARROWS, Sec'y,
J. WOODWARD MANNING,
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
ARTHUR N. MANSFIELD,
Trustees.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	APPRO- PRIATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT, IN- APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UN- EXPENDED	OVER- DRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$3,600 00	.....	\$3,600 00	\$3,564 12	\$35 88	.....
Town Building and Office.....	400 00	.....	400 00	389 68	10 32	.....
Printing.....	700 00	.....	700 00	683 51	16 49	.....
Election Expenses.....	300 00	.....	300 00	280 98	19 02	.....
Soldiers' Relief.....	1,200 00	.....	1,200 00	634 10	565 90	.....
Soldiers' Relief Account Town of North Reading.....	.....	\$60 00	60 00	72 00	\$12 00	.....
Soldiers' Relief Account City of Malden.....	.....	.....	.....	1 45	1 45	.....
Burial Agent's Account.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	.....	.....
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves.....	175 00	.....	175 00	175 00	.....	.....
Electric Lights G. A. R. Hall.....	50 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,800 00	.....	2,800 00	2,319 00	481 00	.....
Account Charles L. Haag.....	.....	.....	.....	67 60	67 60	.....
Rent of Playground.....	342 00	.....	342 00	342 00	.....	.....
Heater in Town Building.....	200 00	.....	200 00	186 50	13 50	.....
Nowell Case, Counsel Fee.....	200 00	.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks.....	212 78	.....	212 78	212 42	36	.....
Reading Home for Aged Women.....	75 00	.....	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
Swan Estate.....	.....	108 00	108 00	27 41	80 59	.....
Band Concerts.....	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
Reading Water Works.....	12,720 00	.....	12,720 00	12,720 00	.....	.....
Municipal Light and Power Plant.....	10,990 00	.....	10,990 00	9,900 00	1,090 00	.....
Interest on School House Bonds.....	1,160 00	.....	1,160 00	1,180 00	.....	20 00
Interest on School House Notes.....	482 50	.....	482 50	482 50	.....	.....
School House Note.....	.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....
School House Bond.....	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....
High School Building.....	.....	40,017 45	40,017 45	27,921 50	12,095 95	.....
Interest.....	900 00	2,710 63	3,610 63	2,899 85	710 18	.....
Abatement of Taxes.....	600 00	.....	600 00	599 78	22	.....
Taxes on Property Taken.....	.....	114 21	114 21	285 13	.....	170 92
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	1,000 00	82 88	1,082 88	1,082 74	24	.....
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks.....	3,075 00	4,762 80	7,837 80	7,837 99	.....	.....
Street Sprinkling.....	450 00	1 58	451 58	451 58	.....	.....
Repairs of Concrete.....	350 00	.....	350 00	292 91	57 09	.....
Removal of Snow and Ice.....	800 00	159 89	959 89	959 89	.....	.....
Pearl Street Drainage.....	750 00	.....	750 00	749 89	41	.....
Road Roller.....	.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	.....
Fire Department.....	5,200 00	34 24	5,234 24	5,231 21	3 03	.....
Forest Fires.....	150 00	.....	150 00	218 74	.....	68 74
Fire Alarm Box 38.....	50 00	.....	50 00	48 25	1 75	.....
Fire Dept's Hose.....	550 00	.....	550 00	547 66	2 34	.....

Fire Dep't Life Saving Apparatus.....	87 38	404 00	87 98	75 00	12 98	.....
Police Department.....	2,800 00	400 00	3,204 00	3,194 51	9 49	.....
Board of Health.....	.....	6 35	606 35	663 00	56 65	.....
Laurel Hill Cemetery.....	985 77	993 50	1,979 27	1,941 03	38 24	.....
Tree Warden.....	200 00	.....	200 00	98 77	101 23	.....
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths Special Appropriation	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	976 90	23 10	.....
Moth Appropriation, State Law.....	922 69	1,411 96	2,334 65	2,334 45	.....	.....
Oversers of Poor Account.....	3,425 00	1,051 55	4,476 55	4,550 15	73 60	.....
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	.....	283 67	283 67	.....
City of Melrose.....	.....	.....	.....	21 75	21 75	.....
City of Woburn.....	.....	.....	.....	7 90	7 90	.....
City of Cambridge.....	.....	113 93	113 93	141 18	27 25	.....
Town of Wakefield.....	.....	74 78	74 78	89 05	14 27	.....
Town of Wilmington.....	.....	169 98	169 98	169 98	.....	.....
Town of Saugus.....	.....	6 25	6 25	.....	.....	.....
Town of Canton.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....
Schools.....	27,000 00	.....	27,000 00	26,999 38	62	.....
School Incidentals.....	5,000 00	1,128 06	6,128 06	6,127 66	40	.....
Public Library.....	900 00	555 53	1,455 53	1,455 53	.....	.....
Unexpended.....	93,415 74	59,055 24	152,470 98	138,008 04	15,360 33	897 39
Overdrawn.....	15,360 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expenses for Year 1905.....	897 39	.....	14,462 94	.....	.....	.....
Add Temporary Loans.....	.....	.....	138,008 04	.....	.....	.....
Total Selectmen's Orders.....	.....	.....	83,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses above.....	.....	.....	221,008 04	.....	.....	.....
Temporary Loan Note, raised by taxation.....	.....	138,008 04	.....	.....	.....	.....
Less following amounts due on account year 1905:	.....	5,000 00	143,008 04	.....	.....	.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,302 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Mass., Account Burial Agent	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Mass., Poor Account.....	283 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Melrose.....	21 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Woburn.....	7 99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Cambridge.....	27 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Malden.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Wakefield.....	14 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of North Reading.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Canton.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chas. L. Haag.....	67 60	.....	2,809 98	.....	.....	.....
Net Expenses.....	.....	.....	140,198 06	.....	.....	.....
Less Sundry Credits for 1905, as above.....	.....	.....	59,055 24	.....	.....	.....
Amount raised by taxation and appropriations from available assets.....	.....	.....	81,142 82	.....	.....	.....

Dr.

EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer,

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1905.....	\$ 6,212 64
To Cash received from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1904.....	58 44
“ “ “ “ National Bank Tax, 1904.....	18 61
“ “ “ “ Corporation Tax, 1905.....	2,920 20
“ “ “ “ National Bank Tax, 1905.....	690 83
“ “ “ “ State and Military Aid.....	2,530 50
“ “ “ “ Street Railroad Franchise Tax.....	1,933 43
“ “ “ “ Support of State Paupers.....	105 23
“ “ “ “ Repairs of State Highways.....	41 22
“ “ “ “ Burial of State Paupers.....	15 00
“ “ “ “ Support of Sick Paupers.....	84 39
“ “ “ “ Hired Money, School House Loan.....	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ Tuition of Children.....	67 00
“ “ “ “ Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Acct.....	1,387 91
“ “ “ “ Burial of Indigent Soldiers.....	70 00
“ “ County Treasurer, Dog Tax, 1904.....	554 23
“ “ County Treasurer, Commitment of Insane.....	32 00
“ “ Hired Money, Temporary Loans.....	78,000 00
“ “ Hired Money, High School Loan.....	40,000 00
“ “ Interest Accrued on High School Loan.....	190 08
“ “ Hired Money, Road Roller Loan.....	2,200 00
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, Railroad Excise Tax.....	2,193 93
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, Redemption of Estate Sold for Tax Fee.....	3 00
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, Cash Received for Taxes Paid.....	111 48
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, Interest on Above.....	2 73
“ “ Selectmen, License Fees.....	56 00
“ “ Selectmen, Electric Light Bill Overpaid.....	90
“ “ Selectmen, Gypsy Moth Account.....	50
“ “ Selectmen, Material Sold.....	30
“ “ Overseers of the Poor, Town Home.....	966 62
“ “ First National Bank, Interest.....	150 20
“ “ Cash Returned.....	3 50
“ “ Supt. of Streets, Material Sold.....	18 95
“ “ Supt. of Schools, Tuition, Rent and Material Sold..	111 21
“ “ High School Building Committee, Material Sold....	232 45
“ “ School Committee, School House Sold.....	70 00
“ “ School Committee, Bills Paid Twice.....	90 65
“ “ Fourth District Court, Fines.....	362 00
“ “ Trustees of Cemetery, Lots Sold.....	625 00
“ “ Trustees of Cemetery, Interest on Bequests.....	368 50
“ “ Herbert C. Barrows, Executor, Cemetery Bequest and Interest.....	106 00
“ “ I. P. M. Wiggins, Executrix, Cemetery Bequest.....	100 00
“ “ Frank H. Gleason and Julius Gleason, Executors, Cemetery Bequest.....	50 00
“ “ Mary Norwood, Cemetery Bequest and Interest.....	52 50
“ “ Heirs of Clinton B. and William J. Holden, Ceme- tery Bequest.....	100 00
“ “ Rev. Lyman Whiting, Cemetery Bequest.....	50 00
“ “ Town of North Reading, Outside Poor.....	91 37
“ “ Town of North Reading, Tuition of Scholars.....	840 00
“ “ Town of North Reading, Soldiers' Relief.....	60 00
“ “ Town of Wilmington, Outside Poor.....	278 58
“ “ Town of Wakefield, Outside Poor.....	102 62
“ “ Town of Saugus, Outside Poor.....	6 25
“ “ City of Cambridge, Outside Poor.....	124 93
“ “ City of Melrose, Outside Poor.....	14 50
“ “ Municipal Light Board Note Paid from Town Office.....	1,400 00
“ “ Municipal Light Board, Bill Overpaid.....	30
“ “ Fire Department, Material Sold.....	34 24
“ “ Board of Police Services.....	10 00
“ “ Board of Health Services.....	6 35
“ “ Frank W. Parker, Sealer of Weights.....	26 23
“ “ Income from Swan Estate.....	108 00
“ “ L. C. Page & Co., Bill Paid Twice.....	1 00
“ “ Buffalo Steam Roller Co., Discount on Note.....	260 00
“ “ Highway Department.....	400 00
“ “ Pearl Street Drain Account.....	400 00
“ “ Prentiss & Viall, Return Premium.....	19 20
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, List 1903.....	11,940 30
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, List 1904.....	25,425 00
“ “ H. M. Viall, Collector, List 1905.....	67,050 00
	<u>\$254,537 05</u>

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

By Paying County Tax.....	\$4,795 26
“ State Tax.....	5,840 00
“ National Bank Tax.....	481 47
“ Repairs on State Highways.....	186 80
“ Selectmen's Orders.....	221,008 04
“ Cash in Treasury, January 27, 1906.....	21,225 48
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	\$253,537 05

EDWARD F. PARKER,

Treasurer.

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1905.....	\$	26 45
“ Received from First National Bank, Interest.....		41 44
“ Received from Water Commissioners.....		17,079 56
“ Received from Water Bonds Sold.....		6,000 00
“ Received from Premium on Bonds Sold		397 50
“ Received from Accrued Interest on Bonds Sold.....		114 67
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		\$23,659 62

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treas., IN ACCOUNT WITH

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1905.....	\$	933 18
“ Received from First National Bank, Interest.....		24 33
“ Received from Municipal Light Board.....		19,542 73
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		\$20,500 24

WITH TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY, Cr.

To Paying Water Commissioners' Orders.....	\$23,631 43
To Cash in Treasury, January, 1906.....	28 19
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	\$23,659 62

EDWARD F. PARKER,
Treasurer.

TOWN OF READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD, Cr.

By Paying Municipal Light Board Orders.....	\$20,160 04
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1906	340 20
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	\$20,500 24

EDWARD F. PARKER,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1906	\$208,000 00
Interest accrued on same	754 79
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1906	40,800 00
Interest accrued on same	393 22
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1906	82,000 00
Interest accrued on same	838 35
School bond due Aug. 1, 1905, not presented for payment	1,000 00
Temporary loans	45,375 50
Interest accrued on same	414 74
Highway notes due Dec. 7, 1907 and 1908	2,000 00
Interest accrued on same	5 56
Road roller notes	2,200 00
Due to Fire Department	160 00
Miscellaneous debts	549 60

TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	\$100 00
“ “ Thomas Sweetser	100 00
“ “ Sabrina Nichols	100 00
“ “ Martha Pike	25 00
“ “ Sarah Batchelder	25 00
“ “ T. T. Greenwood	500 00
“ “ Mark Temple	100 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$950 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$950 00
Bequest of Susan Wright, Elizabeth Pres-	
ton and Margaret Gilman .	75 00
“ “ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L.	
Nelson	100 00
“ “ Lavinia Coggin	100 00
“ “ Margaret Towne	100 00
“ “ Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias	
Boardman	150 00
“ “ Mrs. Sarah Smith	100 00
“ “ Gilman D. Kingman	100 00
“ “ Rosamond C. Pratt	100 00
“ “ Mary F. Harnden	100 00
“ “ Mary B. Wakefield	100 00
“ “ P. Jane Batchelder	100 00
“ “ Arthur D. Kingman	50 00
“ “ Estate of P. A. Corkins	100 00
“ “ Dorinda R. Pratt	200 00
“ “ Mary Ann McAllister	100 00
“ “ Gilman A. Coggin	100 00
“ “ Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph	
Bryant	50 00
“ “ Miss Mary Evans	50 00
“ “ Frederick Bancroft	47 13
“ “ Estate of Samuel Pierce	100 00
“ “ D. W. Berry, executor	100 00
“ “ William L. Crowe	100 00
“ “ George C. Coney	100 00
“ “ Heirs of Sherman Case	75 00
“ “ Estate of Isaac M. Clark	100 00
“ “ “ Mary Butler	150 00
“ “ “ Mary E. Badger	100 00
“ “ “ Heil J. Nelson	200 00
“ “ “ John Burrill	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$3,897 13

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$3,897 13
Bequest of Estate of F. O. Dewey . . .		300 00
“ “ “ S. H. Dinsmore . . .		100 00
“ “ Mary J. Kimball . . .		50 00
“ “ Alden Batchelder . . .		100 00
“ “ Estate of Charles A. Weston . . .		100 00
“ “ Henry F. Parker . . .		100 00
“ “ Sarah D. Eaton . . .		100 00
“ “ Heirs James H. Bancroft . . .		75 00
“ “ Mary W. Pratt . . .		50 00
“ “ Miss Climena Wakefield . . .		100 00
“ “ Estate Louisa M. Eaton . . .		100 00
“ “ Maria E. Waitt . . .		100 49
“ “ Adrien Mertens . . .		200 00
“ “ Albert B. Gleason . . .		50 00
“ “ Frances P. Dow . . .		100 00
“ “ Estate Thomas Richardson . . .		100 00
“ “ Helen M. Sherman . . .		50 00
“ “ Susan B. Moseley . . .		50 00
“ “ Charles E. Hall . . .		100 00
“ “ Lucy W. Parker . . .		75 00
“ “ Estate Martha R. Temple . . .		100 00
“ “ Estate Needham Nichols . . .		100 00
“ “ Mary W. Pratt . . .		50 00
“ “ Mrs. James T. Norris . . .		30 00
“ “ Estate Francis Kingman . . .		100 00
“ “ Estate Albert Nichols . . .		100 00
“ “ George L. Smith . . .		200 00
“ “ Susan A. Martin . . .		100 00
“ “ Maria Carter . . .		100 00
“ “ Hubbard Copeland . . .		150 00
“ “ John Draffin . . .		100 00
“ “ Hattie D. Pond, executrix . . .		100 00
“ “ Trustees of Laura Frost . . .		50 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr/> \$7,177 62

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$7,177 62
Bequest of Abby C. Clapp . . .	100 00
“ “ Emily Alice Jones . . .	100 00
“ “ Emma M. Brown . . .	75 00
“ “ F. Eliza Kingman . . .	100 00
“ “ Edward T. Pendergrast . . .	100 00
“ “ Fannie A. Morton . . .	100 00
“ “ Lewis M. Bancroft . . .	50 00
“ “ Caroline L. White . . .	50 00
“ “ Hannah C. Cochrane . . .	50 00
“ “ Charles W. Cochrane . . .	200 00
“ “ Edgar M. Knight . . .	100 00
“ “ Reuben Weston . . .	100 00
“ “ J. B. Hopkins . . .	100 00
“ “ I. P. M. Wiggin . . .	100 00
“ “ Joseph H. Gleason . . .	50 00
“ “ Mary Norwood . . .	50 00
“ “ Lyman Whiting . . .	50 00
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	\$8,652 62
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended	517 04
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	\$9,169 66
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Total Liabilities	\$392,661 42

ASSETS

Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1904 . . .	\$ 9,293 82
Unpaid taxes due Oct. 1, 1905 . . .	29,980 58
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes . . .	1,146 74
Due from State Aid account . . .	2,302 50
“ Commonwealth of Mass. (burial)	70 00
“ Commonwealth of Mass. (poor)	283 67
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$43,077 31

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$43,077 31
Due from City of Melrose . . .	21 75
“ City of Cambridge . . .	27 25
“ Town of Canton . . .	1 50
“ Town of Wakefield . . .	14 27
“ City of Woburn . . .	7 99
“ City of Malden . . .	1 45
“ Town of North Reading . . .	12 00
“ Chas. L. Haag . . .	508 79
“ Hospital account . . .	478 86
“ Concreting account . . .	76 53
Cash in Treasury . . .	21,225 48
Cash in Treasury (water supply) . .	28 19
Cash in Treasury (electric light) . .	340 20
	<hr/> \$65,821 57

Available assets in excess of liabilities :

Uncollected taxes, accrued interest and accounts due . . .	\$44,227 70
Cash in Treasury . . .	21,225 48
	<hr/> \$65,453 18

Unpaid school bond Aug. 1, 1905 . .	\$ 1,000 00
Interest on school bonds . . .	838 35
Interest on bequests . . .	517 04
Temporary loans and interest . . .	45,790 24
Interest on Highway notes . . .	5 56
Due to Fire Department . . .	160 00
Miscellaneous debts . . .	549 60
Unexpended balance Street Railway tax, available for Highway purposes only .	83 97
Unexpended balance of proceeds of High School bond issue . . .	12,095 95
	<hr/> \$61,040 71
	<hr/> \$4,412 47

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
March 9, 1906	\$5,000 00		
May 1, 1906		\$1,400 00	
June 1, 1906			\$7,000 00
August 1, 1906	2,000 00		
October 1, 1906		2,000 00	
November 1, 1906	5,000 00		
December 7, 1906		1,400 00	
April 21, 1907	2,000 00		
June 1, 1907			7,000 00
August 1, 1907	2,000 00		
October 1, 1907		2,000 00	
November 1, 1907	5,000 00		
April 21, 1908	2,000 00		
June 1, 1908			7,000 00
July 10, 1908	2,000 00		
August 1, 1908	2,000 00		
October 1, 1908		2,000 00	
November 1, 1908	5,000 00		
April 21, 1909	2,000 00		
June 1, 1909			7,000 00
August 1, 1909	3,000 00		
October 1, 1909		2,000 00	
November 1, 1909	5,000 00		
April 21, 1910	2,000 00		
June 1, 1910			7,000 00
August 1, 1910	3,000 00		
October 1, 1910		2,000 00	
November 1, 1910	5,000 00		
June 1, 1911			7,000 00
August 1, 1911	3,000 00		
October 1, 1911		2,000 00	

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
November 1, 1911	5,000 00		
March 15, 1912			10,000 00
June 1, 1912			7,000 00
August 1, 1912	3,000 00		
October 1, 1912		2,000 00	
November 1, 1912	5,000 00		
June 1, 1913			7,000 00
August 1, 1913	3,000 00		
October 1, 1913		2,000 00	
November 1, 1913	5,000 00		
June 1, 1914			7,000 00
August 1, 1914	3,000 00		
October 1, 1914		2,000 00	
June 1, 1915			7,000 00
August 1, 1915	3,000 00		
October 1, 1915		2,000 00	
June 1, 1916			12,000 00
October 1, 1916		2,000 00	
June 1, 1917			12,000 00
October 1, 1917		2,000 00	
June 1, 1918			12,000 00
October 1, 1918		2,000 00	
June 1, 1919			12,000 00
October 1, 1919		2,000 00	
June 1, 1920			12,000 00
October 1, 1920		2,000 00	
June 1, 1921			12,000 00
October 1, 1921		2,000 00	
June 1, 1922			12,000 00
October 1, 1922		2,000 00	

MATURITY	SCHOOL	ELEC. LIGHT	WATER
June 1, 1923			10,000 00
October 1, 1923		2,000 00	
June 1, 1924			10,000 00
October 1, 1924		2,000 00	
June 1, 1925			10,000 00
June 1, 1926			5,000 00
June 1, 1927			5,000 00
June 1, 1928			4,000 00
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	\$82,000 00	\$40,800 00	\$208,000 00
			40,800 00
			82,000 00

Highway Notes :

December 7, 1907	\$1,000 00	
December 7, 1908	.	.	.	.	1,000 00	
					<hr/>	2,000 00

Road Roller Notes :

June 20, 1906	.	.	.	.	\$450 00	
June 20, 1907	.	.	.	.	450 00	
June 20, 1908	.	.	.	.	450 00	
June 20, 1909	450 00	
June 20, 1910	400 00	
					<hr/>	\$2,250 00

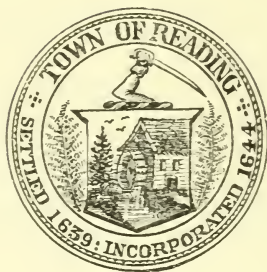
Total Bonds and Notes	.	.	.			\$335,050 00
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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector and Treasurer, and found them correct.

JOHN F. TURNER,
ALBERT R. SHEPARDSON,
J. HENRY WILSON,
Auditors.

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1906, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also, on same ballot, Yes or No, in

answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D. 1906.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,

Selectmen of Reading.

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S. S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the fifth day of March,

A. D. 1906, at seven thirty o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz. :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Work, Miscellaneous Expenses, Tree Warden and Rent of Playground.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of twelve thousand dollars and appropriate the same, together with the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant, for the year 1906, for the maintenance, operation and repair of said Plant, and for the payment of the bonds, notes, interest and depreciation due by said plant during the year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for construction, extension, enlargement and addition to the Municipal Light and Power Plant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty dollars for the purpose of placing an electric light near Hose 5 house on Forest street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the junction of Salem and Winter streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 11. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 13. To hear and act on the report of the committee of five which was appointed to investigate the question of having a Board of Public Works.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 405, Acts of 1903, an act to authorize the Town of Reading to elect a Board of Public Works to have control of its water works, public lighting and highways, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 16. To determine the compensation of the Town Clerk.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a fire alarm box at the junction of Salem and Pine streets and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred six dollars and twenty-five cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of School House Note for five thousand dollars, due March ninth, 1906.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet the payment of the new High School Building Note for five thousand dollars, due November first, 1906.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Playground and how much money they will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of purchasing a safe for the use of the Collector of Taxes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of taking care of the water on Orange street, between Pierce and Spring streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to carry away the water on the south-erly side of Green street on land of Samuel Brown and others, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of con-

structing a sidewalk on High street from a point near the residence of Melvin R. Batchelder to a point near the residence of John H. Robinson, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to co-operate with the Boston & Maine Railroad in making a grass and shrubbery plot on High street at the foot of Haven street, and a plot on Lincoln street at the rear of Station, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen and Superintendent of Streets to pay five dollars per day of nine hours, for a double cart, and three and one-half dollars per day for a single cart, providing double cart holds forty cubic feet or more and single cart holds twenty cubic feet or more.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to build crosswalks from the southerly end of the Common across Harnden and Ash streets, and raise and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To hear and act on the report of the committee of three chosen at the last annual meeting to confer with the Trustees of the Old South M. E. Church in regard to purchasing the lot of land adjoining the Cemetery.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of eight hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing the lot of land adjoining the Cemetery, referred to in Article thirty-one.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will provide for one-half of the expense of lighting the Y. M. C. A. building by electricity and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars to purchase coats for the Fire Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for the renewal of the storage battery, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars to be used for Field Day purposes of the Fire Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expenses of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to furnish creosote free to citizens of the Town to paint Gypsy Moth nests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to procure estimates of the cost of a survey and maps of the Town required to introduce the so-called Block or District System of assessing, and report on the same for action by the Town at some future meeting, together with a plan for distributing the cost of such survey and maps over a series of years, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Committee on Building Laws which was appointed at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 42. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D. 1906.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,

Selectmen of Reading.

LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors:

Adams, George E.	Clerk
Adden, John H.	Retired
Allen, William J.	Clerk
Bailey, Willard L.	Merchant
Baker, William H.	Carpenter
Bancroft, Frederick	Broker
Bancroft, Willard A.	Farmer
Batchelder, Warren A.	Carpenter
Beaudry, Charles B.	Organ Pipe Worker
Bolton, Henry E.	Organ Pipe Worker
Bosson, Harry P.	Insurance Agent
Brooks, Albert P.	Photographer
Brown, John	Retired
Brown, Joseph H.	Restaurateur
Brown, Samuel	Wheelwright
Carter, George	Laborer
Chandler, Alfred D.	Manufacturer
Connelly, John	R. R. Employee
Cook, George W.	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	R. R. Employee
Davis, William Wallace	Farmer
Eames, Charles B.	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	Merchant
Eames, Webster	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	Carpenter

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